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In the Matter of the

À l'égard de

**Cameco Fuel Manufacturing Inc.** 

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Application to Renew the Class IB Nuclear Fuel Facility Licence for Cameco Fuel Manufacturing Inc. in Port Hope, Ontario

Demande de renouvellement du permis d'exploitation de l'installation de combustible nucléaire de catégorie IB pour Cameco Fuel Manufacturing Inc. à Port Hope (Ontario)

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Dear Commission Members,

In my role as the Member of Provincial Parliament for Northumberland-Peterborough South, I have heard first hand from my constituents about the importance of Cameco in our community.

Cameco is one of the largest employers in my riding and employs hundreds of hard-working women and men in the clean energy sector. Their Port Hope facility is especially notable, being the only uranium conversion facility in all of Canada. Since 2018, our government has been working hard to keep energy costs down while supporting green jobs that provide Ontarians with good pay cheques. We have a strong track record of supporting clean, green businesses like Cameco, and will continue to do so, as they are essential to our economic and energy fabric.

As Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, I recently participated in the International Conference on CANDU Fuel, hosted this year by Cameco. I have had the chance to work closely with national leaders in nuclear energy and learn about innovative technology in the sector. Ontario's world-class nuclear supply chain is an important tool to reduce emissions; for reliable base load energy; and, in building Ontario through attracting jobs and investment. At the CANDU Conference, there was much discussion around small modular reactors (SMRs) and Ontario's opportunity to be a world leader in this technology. One SMR can prevent two megatons of greenhouse gas emissions: the equivalent of taking 600,000 cars off of the road annually. Sustainable nuclear energy production is beneficial to Ontario, both economically and environmentally, and Cameco has played a critical role in this province's industry.

Last year, I attended the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, and participated in discussions with jurisdictions around the world on the future of nuclear energy. I, along with many of my international counterparts, recognize the necessity for clean energy sources that are ready to be adopted on a large scale in a timely manner. It is clear that we need to continue supporting Canadian companies like Cameco that are working towards a cleaner, greener future. Nuclear power has been a vital part of Ontario's energy supply for decades, and will continue to be a sustainable source of energy in the province for a long time to

come. Cameco has had a large role in this process, and I look forward to their continued contributions to our communities, province and country.

David Piccini

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