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Dear Ms. Pacheco:

Thank you for your correspondence of June 23, 2020, regarding the City of Brampton's transit electrification efforts.

This is an unprecedented time as the world tries to contain the COVID-19 pandemic and limit its human and economic impact. All levels of government regardless of political stripes are working together to ensure that Canadians have vital protection and support when they need it and where they need it. Our government's first priority is the health of Canadians.

We appreciate the effort of the City of Brampton to pursue transit electrification in order to provide green mobility options to Canadians. We remain steadfast in our conviction that the decarbonization of Canada's transportation sector is essential to achieving our net-zero emissions target by 2050. While current measures have helped set Canada on the right path, we realize that there is more to do.

I am pleased to see the City of Brampton's active involvement through programs such as Natural Resources Canada's Green Infrastructure Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Demonstration Program. This program is providing support for three projects under the Pan-Canadian Electric Bus Demonstration and Integration Trial. This includes work underway with the City of Brampton, Newmarket Tay Power, and British Columbia's TransLink agency.

While the main focus of Natural Resources Canada's Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program is to support the deployment of localized charging infrastructure for passenger vehicles, the program also enables infrastructure deployment for commercial transit vehicles, such as electric- or hydrogen-powered buses. The request for proposals for these special projects will be launched in winter 2021.

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Again, thank you for writing to me on this important matter, and I trust that you will remain safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,



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