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The Honourable Francois-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Champagne:

On behalf of the country's psychologists and psychological researchers who are members and affiliates of the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), I am writing to congratulate you on your recent re-election and appointment as Canada's Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry.

As we approach the opening of Canada's 44th Parliament, the CPA looks forward to working with you and all Parliamentarians to build a more innovative, prosperous and resilient economy.

Investments in psychological science can inform policy that improves the mental health and well-being of Canadians. It also supports the behavioural changes needed for society to thrive while effectively positioning Canada to address the next major issue impacting the country for which scientific input and analysis will be needed.

As the national voice that represents the largest group of specialized, regulated mental health care professionals and psychological researchers in the country, the CPA understands that your national leadership will be crucial in moving the conversation forward with Canadians. To this end, we are committed to working with governments, science and health stakeholders, and others to advocate for evidence-based policies that best meet the needs of Canadians.

We look forward to working with you and would be pleased to meet to discuss the important role that psychological science can play in contributing to Canada's economic recovery and finding solutions to many pressing and complex challenges. I can be reached at executiveoffice@cpa.ca.

Best wishes for a successful session in Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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