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Department of Finance Canada  
90 Elgin Street  
Ottawa, ON  
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**Re: Pre-Budget Consultations 2024 – Recommendations from the Conservation Council of New Brunswick**

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Conservation Council of New Brunswick (CCNB), please accept the attached submission as part of the Government of Canada's pre-budget consultations. We thank the government for the invitation to share our recommendations on how to best support Canadians during these challenging times and in the future.

We strongly encourage the government to consider climate change and its impacts on Canadians and the world when making budget decisions for 2024. Every decision we make or don't make is a climate decision. Therefore, we ask the government to invest in our green economy and eliminate all subsidies that harm nature. Furthermore, we recommend that the government allocate funds to implement Canada's commitments under the Global Biodiversity Framework.

Importantly, we must acknowledge that there are Canadians living in energy poverty, having to decide whether to buy groceries or pay their heating bills. The government must do more to address environmental inequalities, support workers and communities affected by a shift to low-carbon solutions, and protect our most vulnerable citizens.

In addition to our recommendations, we encourage the government to seriously consider the thoughtful recommendations put forth by our colleagues in the [Green Budget Coalition](#) and [Efficiency Canada](#).

Please get in touch with me if you would like to discuss our submission in detail.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: CCNB Recommendations for the Government of Canada's Budget 2024

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