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Dear Premier Hogan:

First of all, I wish to congratulate you on your election as the Leader of the Liberal Party and on becoming our province's 15<sup>th</sup> Premier. Public service is an honourable and all-consuming endeavour, and I am appreciative of all who put themselves forward to serve our province.

As you are aware, I have expressed some very serious and consequential concerns about the existing Upper Churchill/Gull Island MOU between Hydro Quebec and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. I wish to assure you that these concerns are unequivocally in no way partisan or politically motivated; rather they are based on a very thorough analysis of the MOU. I feel genuinely alarmed and worried for the future of our province and the generations who will be seriously impacted by the eventual fall out. I hope you would agree that this matter deserves meaningful consideration, particularly in light of the vast number of like-minded businesspeople, former Hydro officials, bureaucrats and people of all political stripes and backgrounds, who have emerged to offer sincere critiques of the MOU.

I recently wrote to Prime Minister Carney simply to express my perspective after hearing some comments at the Council of the Federation meeting, that this MOU is a nation building project. The benefits that will accrue to Quebec are extraordinarily lopsided compared to the benefits that will accrue to Newfoundland and Labrador, and this is evident when the MOU is fully analysed. The Prime Minister responded and recommended that I contact you directly to discuss these issues. As the one individual who holds the future of our province and our people in your hands, I would request an opportunity to meet with you one on one, so that I can fully explain the various areas of concern within the MOU; and to also hear directly your position on these matters. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Danny Williams