

August 18, 2020

**RE: Green Choice Program**

Dear Minister Mombourquette,

Dalhousie has a robust climate change plan. One central strategy in our plan is the utilization of renewable energy power purchase agreements (PPAs). We have invested time and resources to understand the opportunities in this field and important RFP criteria. Dalhousie has organized sessions with universities and colleges across NS regarding this opportunity. HRM's recently approved climate change plan also identifies the importance of renewable energy PPAs.

The Green Choice Program opens up the option for stakeholders like Dalhousie to participate in securing new Nova Scotia based renewable electricity. Without this program the only viable option for the University to pursue is investment in virtual PPAs outside of Nova Scotia. The current interconnection limits on self-owned and operated renewable electricity systems are too low to make a meaningful difference related to our total electricity consumption.

We are eager to participate in the program to evaluate our options and bring forward experience, expertise, and interest in working together on climate change and sustainability objectives. I am hopeful that the program will be launched shortly as climate change science is showing us that action is needed immediately.

Sincerely,

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cc. VP Finance and Administration