



Ottawa, September 29, 2021

Dear Ms. May,

The “Well Made Here” organization congratulates you on your re-election, your continued representation of the riding of Saanich—Gulf Islands, and of the Green Party at the House of Commons.

Dear Mr. Morrice,

The “Well Made Here” organization congratulates you for being elected as the Member of Parliament representing both the riding of Kitchener Center and the Green Party at the House of Commons.

As you probably know, prior to the election we wrote to the leaders of the contending parties to know where they stood regarding the issues we are tackling, namely domestic design and manufacturing of materials that meet residential building standards, as well as their purchase and use by citizens, contractors, and institutions, including the government itself.

More houses and other buildings built and renovated with materials that meet standards and originating from production plants operating here in Canada translates to well-paid manufacturing jobs, to the retention of socio-economic activity in the region and in the reduction of greenhouse gases through shorter supply chains.

We were delighted to learn about the Green Party’s position. Particularly, the leading sentences which read, “Small businesses are the backbone of the Canadian economy, creating more employment in the private sector than the big corporations. They create good, stable jobs. They offer competitive wages and benefits.” As well as the closing sentence, which reads, “The best solution is for the government to fully support the invention, manufacturing, shipping and use of these required materials within Canada by Canadians.”

Here, by the way, are some highlights of the response we received from Mark D’Gabriel, Communications Coordinator for Karla Villagomez Fajardo, Green Party of Canada candidate for Waterloo, on behalf of your political party:

- Small businesses...circulate dollars in regional economies and improve the communities around them.
- Small businesses still need support, and the Green Party will make sure they have it.
- The Green Party also intends to re-establish the full life cycle of materials and hardware, and for that cycle to be fully within Canada.



- The ability of Canadian innovators to retain ownership and control over their inventions and IP is critical to exploiting their economic value, for example through licensing use in downstream production or to researchers who can build upon them to make further discoveries.
- Capturing revenues from licensing, start-ups and spin-offs is important for economic growth and ensuring that Canada can develop the necessary infrastructure to mitigate and adapt to climate change while funding the health and social programs that foster equity and well-being.
- A large part of the Green restoration of Canada will be solving the housing crisis by expanding the number of low cost units available.

We would like to add that we received four or five comments and enquiries requesting additional information about our program and expressing appreciation for our efforts and our mission.

As you can see by reading all the responses received (<https://www.ici-here.ca/election-the-importance-parties-place-on-canadian-materials/>), all the other parties, in terms and through ideas that differ from yours, with the exception Mr. Maxime Bernier's party, welcome the idea of positively discriminating in favour of Canadian-made materials that comply with residential building codes and standards.

The group of manufacturers we represent, operating more than 160 production sites spread out across Canada and already supported by a retail network of approximately 2,300 points of sale, is counting on your party to support the re-elected government in the event it endorses our organization, this for the benefit of all Canadians.

A partnership between our organization and the Government of Canada is possible given that all the parties with elected Members of Parliament who are represented at the House of Commons appear to support our purpose and our projects.

For all these reasons, dear Ms. May, as soon as the government is formed, we will be approaching, in particular, ministers with portfolios relating to the economy, regions, international trade, heritage, and infrastructure.

We respectfully offer our best wishes as the new term begins.

Sincerely,

Richard Darveau
President and CEO