



Ottawa, September 29, 2021

Dear Mr. Singh,  
Dear Members of Parliament,

**The “Well Made Here” organization congratulates Jagmeet Singh and all elected Members of Parliament who will represent the New Democratic 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 New Democratic Party’s position. Here, is the response we received in from the Office of Jagmeet Singh on behalf of your political party:

“Domestic manufacturing is critically important for our country. One of our priorities will be to expand critical domestic manufacturing capacity and supply chain infrastructure including for auto, aerospace, shipbuilding, construction materials, pharmaceuticals and personal protective equipment.

The materials needed to build for the future, from steel to aluminium to cement and wood products, produced in Canada by Canadian workers, have some of the lowest carbon emissions in the world. New Democrats will require the use of Canadian-made steel, aluminum, cement and wood products for infrastructure projects across the country.”

We would like to add that Mr. Yavar Hameed, candidate for the Ottawa-West Nepean riding, although not elected, took the time to forward the following message to us:

“Thank you for all the information on your program. I read the open letter attached and I fully support your initiative. What you are proposing is effective supply chain management, and I am all for this.

If I am elected, I know I will grow close with your organization. My party's platform prioritizes made-in-Canada products in all industries as a way to create jobs, support Canadian industries and fight environmental impacts from international imports (when there are perfectly good suppliers in Canada). Everything you are asking for in the open letter, the NDP is ready to deliver.



I am very interested in knowing which participating manufacturers in my riding of Ottawa-West Nepean or nearby. I look forward to learning more about your program and which manufacturers I may be able to support directly.”

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