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Ms. Judy Dodds
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Dear Ms.  Dodds:

Thank you for your correspondence of January 16, 2018, outlining your views on the report of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development, *Preserving Canada's Heritage: The Foundation for Tomorrow*, and on the protection of the Central Experimental Farm National Historic Site of Canada.

The Government of Canada is committed to responding to the recommendations contained in the report as part of its ongoing commitment to protecting Canada's heritage places. The Committee's 17 recommendations are ambitious and go beyond conserving those heritage places administered by the federal government. The report highlights a number of challenges and opportunities that will require a thorough review and engagement with provincial, territorial and municipal governments, Indigenous partners, and heritage stakeholders.

The Central Experimental Farm is a national historic site that falls under the responsibility of the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. As Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, I promote a culture of heritage conservation in Canada. Parks Canada, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, and the Federal Heritage Buildings Review Office encourage protection of the heritage value of national historic sites and other federally designated heritage properties, in accordance with sound cultural resource management principles, including the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada.

The National Capital Commission will undertake a thorough review of the project design proposed by the Ottawa Hospital through the Federal Land Use, Design and Transaction Approval process. Through this process, Parks Canada officials will work collaboratively with the National Capital Commission, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Public Services and Procurement Canada, and other federal departments to ensure due diligence with respect to the protection of the commemorative integrity and the conservation of the heritage value of the Central Experimental Farm National Historic Site.

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Given their interest in this matter, I have copied the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, also responsible for the National Capital Commission, and the Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, on my reply.

I appreciate the work of the Friends of the Central Experimental Farm in helping to care for and promote the heritage of the Farm.

Sincerely,



Thanks for all of
your commitment
to protecting the Experimental
Farm.

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.

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The Honourable Mélanie Joly, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Carla Qualtrough, P.C., M.P.