



July 11, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau. P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

In advance of the Council of the Federation meeting being held on July 15-17 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada's Premiers are more convinced than ever of the value of working together to ensure the best outcomes for Canadians.

We are asking you to work with us in a true partnership to revitalize cooperative federalism in Canada. We hope this letter will serve as an invitation to engage with Premiers on ways to renew our relationship so that we can collectively deliver for Canadians. Canadians expect their governments to work together.

Canadians are facing immense and complex challenges that require all orders of government to work together. To revive the collaborative spirit of the federation, we urge the federal government to refrain from unilateral actions in areas of provincial and territorial jurisdiction, particularly in health care, education, and housing. In areas of shared responsibility, timely outreach and engagement will ensure that our respective programs, funding, and policies complement one another and are effective in each jurisdiction across Canada.

We urge you and your cabinet colleagues to seize this opportunity to enhance bilateral and multilateral cooperation.

As Premiers meet this July, know that we are ready to discuss ways to renew cooperative federalism in Canada.

Sincerely,

Tim Houston
Chair, Council of the Federation
Premier of Nova Scotia

cc. Premiers