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The Honourable Carole James  
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**Re: Support for the creation of the Cooperative Capital Markets Regulatory System (the Cooperative System)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Portfolio Management Association of Canada (**PMAC**) is writing to voice our support of your Government's participation in the creation of the Cooperative Capital Markets Regulatory System (the **Cooperative System**).

PMAC represents over 275 investment management firms registered to do business in Canada as portfolio managers. In addition to this primary registration, most of our members are also registered as investment fund managers and/or exempt market dealers. PMAC's members encompass both large and small firms managing total assets in excess of \$2.7 trillion for private and institutional investors such as pension plans, foundations, endowments and first nations from coast to coast.

PMAC has a strong supporter and vocal advocate for national securities regulator since our inception in 1952. We continue to believe that the establishment of a Cooperative System is critical to enhancing investor protection and the global competitiveness of our markets, fostering a strong national economy and managing systemic risk.

**REQUEST**

We are writing privately to encourage you to work urgently with the participating jurisdictions to establish a launch date for the Capital Markets Regulatory Authority, complete the required legislation and have it passed into law.

PMAC believes that continued momentum on this project is required in order to ensure its timely implementation.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA'S ROLE IN THE COOPERATIVE SYSTEM**

PMAC was pleased to see in the *Securities Amendments Act, 2019*, your Government's actions to, amongst other things, expand BC's investigative authority, provide the British Columbia Securities Commission with new collection powers, increase penalties for offences under your securities act and codify whistleblower protections. Your commitment to ensuring BC has the strongest protections for

people who are investing and tough penalties for those who abuse the system dovetail with the aims of the Cooperative System.

PMAC believes that the creation of the Cooperative System can make a significant contribution towards protecting investors, increasing compliance and creating harmonized regulation and to the reduction of regulatory burden for the benefit of both investors and market participants.

## **CONCLUSION**

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. We look forward to continued progress on this important initiative and to providing public support for the project once timelines are established.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss this or any other matter on which PMAC may be of assistance.

Yours truly,

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