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Mike Schreiner
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Dear MPP Schreiner,

I appreciate you showing concern regarding this matter. You and I both recognize the challenge of climate change.

As stated in the attached response from the Secretary of Cabinet and Deputy Ministers; I can assure you that no direction from the Premier's Office or Cabinet Office restricting the use of the term "climate change" on social media was given. The email sent to ministry staff was a mistake.

Our government takes climate change very seriously and we understand the importance of taking steps to ensure we protect our environment. We care a great deal about the environment and remain committed to take action to encourage lower emissions.

As you are aware, I have introduced Bill 4 that requires us to develop a climate change plan, set emission reduction targets and report on our progress to the public.

We are committed to implementing a plan that will lower emissions and are dedicated to finding solutions for a cleaner environment.

Sincerely,

Rod Phillips
Minister