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Letter to Editor
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Dear Editor:

Contrary to Paul Webster's comments (November 17), the track record for AECL continues to be outstanding.

In the past 10 years, we have designed, built and delivered on or ahead of schedule, and on budget, six CANDU 6 reactors (the type proposed to be built next in Ontario) to international customers, giving AECL the strongest core delivery capability of any nuclear vendor in the world. CANDU's Ontario-based supply chain is already active, building a new CANDU 6 in Romania and the current Ontario life-extension projects.

Canada's investment of about \$6 billion in nuclear R&D since 1952 has encouraged the growth of a highly skilled domestic industry made up of 30,000 knowledge workers in hundreds of firms, which taken together, contribute over \$5 billion each year to our economy.

Canadians can be proud that AECL's CANDU projects have been successful and have resulted in billions of dollars in contracts for Canadian design, manufacturing, engineering, construction and technical services companies, creating thousands of jobs in the process.

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