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ADVANCING ALBERTA'S CROPPING
SECTOR TO 2025 AND BEYOND

March 13, 2018

Honourable Marc Garneau
Minister of Transport
330 Sparks ST
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5

Honourable Amarjeet Sohi
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
1100, 180 Kent ST
Ottawa, ON K1P 0B6

Re: Letter of Support for Greater Vancouver Gateway 2030 Funding Applications to National Trade Corridors Fund

Dear Ministers Garneau and Sohi,

On behalf of Team Alberta, we support the funding applications submitted by the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum as part of its Greater Vancouver Gateway 2030 strategy.

Team Alberta is composed of the Alberta Barley Commission, Alberta Canola Producers Commission, Alberta Pulse Growers, and Alberta Wheat Commission. Collectively Team Alberta represents more than 20,000 farms and nearly 20 million acres of grains, oilseeds, and pulses.

Canadian farmers are reliant on open access to international markets for their livelihood. Access to markets for our exports is essential for:

- 90% of canola production.
- 75% of pulse production.
- 70% of wheat production.
- 25% of barley production.

As stated by the Advisory Council on Economic Growth, the Canadian Agriculture and Agri-food sector holds the potential to add an additional US \$30 billion in exports. The Asia-Pacific region is critical for this growth, as it represents a rapidly growing market for Canada's high quality agricultural goods. Continued trade negotiation successes, such as the recent CPTPP agreement, continue to unlock the enormous growth potential for Canadian farmers, processors, and exporters.

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However, this growth is resulting in the agriculture and agri-food sector being increasingly reliant on access to western port facilities for transport.

We are appreciative of the work undertaken by the Gateway Transportation Collaboration Forum in developing the 38 projects contained in the Greater Vancouver Gateway 2030 strategy. In particular, we are supportive of funding applications submitted to the National Trade Corridors Fund for the following projects:

- North Shore Corridor Capacity Improvement Projects (Thornton Rail Tunnel Ventilation Improvements, Rail Corridor Improvements, and Douglas Road Grade-Separation)
- Harris Road Underpass and Kennedy Road Overpass Project
- Bell Road Overpass Project
- Burrard Inlet Road and Rail Improvement Projects (Centennial Road Overpass Project, Waterfront Road Access Improvement Project, Commissioner Street Rail and Road Expansion Project, and Cascadia Support Tracks)
- Mountain Highway Underpass Project
- Whistle Cessation and Rail Crossing Information System
- Portside Blundell Overpass and Upgrade Project
- Pitt River Road and Colony Farm Road Rail Overpasses Project
- Westwood Street and Kingsway Avenue Grade-Separations Project

We look forward to a positive result for these projects in your upcoming funding announcements.

Sincerely,



Jason Lenz
Chair, Alberta Barley



Renn Breitkreuz,
Chair, Alberta Canola



D'Arcy Hilgartner,
Chair, Alberta Pulse Growers



Kevin Bender,
Chair, Alberta Wheat Commission

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