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The Honourable John Baird, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities
330 Sparks Street
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Dear Minister Baird:

We are writing to thank you and applaud the announcement made recently regarding the offer by the Government of Canada to fund up to an additional \$550 million towards the construction of the much needed new international crossing between Windsor and Detroit.

Canada's automotive industry is highly integrated with that of the United States. Automotive trade is worth roughly \$100 Billion annually, with the majority of production parts and finished vehicles flowing through the Windsor-Detroit gateway. As a result, the industry has long supported additional infrastructure capacity in the Detroit/Windsor corridor in order to help support existing automotive manufacturing in both Canada and the US, and to help make the region more attractive for future jobs and economic growth.

We are hopeful that the additional support offered by the Government of Canada towards this new crossing will help eliminate the remaining hurdles towards moving this infrastructure investment forward and along with it, the plan to significantly improve international trade and commerce through this region.

Yours sincerely,

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President

cc: The Right Honourable Stephen J. Harper, P.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Jim Flaherty, P.C., M.P., Minister of Finance
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