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Mr. R.V. Wilds
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Dear Mr. Wilds:

Thank you for your correspondence of March 13, 2018, which was further to our meeting on that same date and which notes the BC Marine Terminal Operators Association's support of the Ports Modernization Review. Please accept my apology for the delay in replying.

The review follows through on commitments made in Transportation 2030 and was launched with a view to optimizing Canada Port Authorities' roles in the transportation system. Over the past decades, the operating landscape for ports has changed significantly and is expected to continue to evolve at an ever rapid pace.

As you know, ensuring that our ports are properly positioned to innovate and compete in global markets is critical. The review is an important step forward in this regard and will examine how our port authority model needs to adapt in response to rapidly changing domestic and international landscapes. Within this context, I note your interest in the specific issues of governance of port authorities, rent methodologies, and infrastructure.

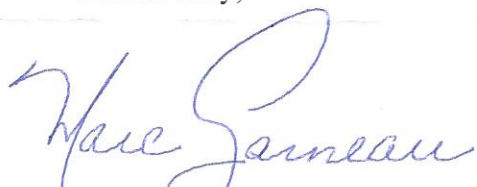
Transport Canada has begun hosting engagement activities with a cross-section of the port community, provincial/municipal and marine stakeholders, port users, experts/academia, and Canadians. I was pleased to chair a roundtable discussion with the CEOs of the Canada Port Authorities in Ottawa on May 8, and a second roundtable with stakeholders in Vancouver on May 17. I note that the BC Marine Terminal Operators Association was well represented at the table.

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Transport Canada will be conducting additional consultations and workshops with stakeholders, as well as collecting public input and feedback on their online engagement website at www.letstalktransportation.ca/ports-modernization-review, which I encourage you to visit. In addition, you and your team should not hesitate to contact Mr. Marc-Yves Bertin, Director General of Marine Policy, should you wish to discuss the review in greater detail. He can be reached at 613-991-3536.

Thank you once again for sharing your views with me and for your interest on this important issue. I look forward to our continued engagement on the Ports Modernization Review.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc Garneau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.
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