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Via Email: mintc@tc.gc.ca

Honourable Marc Garneau
Minister of Transport
330 Sparks Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N5

Dear Minister Garneau:

On behalf of the members of the BC Marine Terminal Operators Association, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your re-election and re-appointment as Minister of Transport. We appreciate your engagement with our industry and investments into the Vancouver Gateway announced through the National Transportation Corridor Fund.

As you know, our sixteen member companies are direct employers and investors playing a key role in Canada's Asia Pacific Gateway handling Canadian import and export cargoes. We employ more than 7,000 employees throughout the Province of BC and have invested more than \$3 billion in plant and equipment to ensure that they can meet the growing demand for terminal services in an efficient, reliable, safe and environmentally responsible manner.

We look forward to continuing working with you on many initiatives started in the last term, including advancing the Port Modernization Review toward conclusion, improving port governance and collaboratively addressing the challenges and opportunities that will allow for advancement of Canada's trade and national interests.

Once again, congratulations on your achievements. Our members look forward to meeting with you in the near term, either over site tours of our facilities, or on a future trip to Ottawa. In the meantime, if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Eshleman", with a stylized flourish underneath.

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