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The Honourable Wally Schumann
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Government of the Northwest Territories

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Dear Minister Schumann:

RE: ACA Support for the Slave Geological Province Corridor application under the National Trade Corridors Fund

The Alberta Construction Association (ACA) understands that the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) will be pursuing funding for the Slave Geological Province Corridor, including replacement of the Frank Channel Bridge, under the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF), a merit-based program for investments in transportation assets that support economic activity and the movement of goods and people, or address transportation bottlenecks, vulnerabilities, and congestion.

ACA is pleased to add its voice to supporting your Government's application. The livelihood of the employees of the 3000 member firms of the ACA rely on a strong national economy, including the continued responsible development and export of the nation's abundant natural resources. Our member firms stand to benefit through opportunities to bid on public and private investments arising from enhanced economic prosperity throughout Canada. ACA is supportive of the concept of a Northern Corridor, and views your Government's advocacy for the Slave Geological Province Corridor and hydro development including the Talston Hydroelectricity Expansion Project as important elements consistent with the Northern Corridor.

We believe that benefits of the Slave Geological Province Corridor align very well with the objectives of the NTCF, including:

- Increases the resiliency of the transportation system by adapting to the impacts of climate change;
- Lowers costs for mineral exploration, development, and production of the territory's world class deposits;
- Attracts further investment in the NWT mining industry as the most significant contributor to the territory's economy;
- Creates business opportunities through construction and operations;
- Supports the development of a strong Northern workforce;
- Addresses the transportation needs of Northern communities, including safety and economic development;
- Allows for increased traffic volumes and weights along this corridor;
- Promotes increased tourism opportunities;



- Promotes green energy initiatives, such as the potential expansion of hydro production and transmission;
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions from industry operations;
- Supports Nation-building by establishing an important Northern Trade Corridor to the Arctic Ocean that would be shared by Nunavut.

The Slave Geological Province Corridor will help support sustainable economic development in the NWT that contributes to the prosperity of communities and businesses. We wish you well with your vision of improving life for your citizens and in supporting a strong Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Heyens".

Paul Heyens, Chairman

cc. Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association
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