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Hon. Diane Archie
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Re: Support For Frank Channel Bridge Replacement

Dear Ms. Archie,

The Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce is pleased to formally support your application for the Frank Channel Bridge Replacement under the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF) Arctic and Northern Call for Proposals. We understand that the scope of your funding application will bring the \$1.1 billion project through the second of five development phases.

The Slave Geological Province Corridor (SGPC) is widely considered to be one of the most important economic infrastructure projects in the NWT. This project would support existing mines, decrease the cost of exploration along the proposed route, support the development of new mines, create massive business opportunities for the construction industry and support workforce development.

As our current mines mature, timely investment in the SGPC is essential to ensure that replacement mines are developed in time to maintain the NWT economy.

We've heard from our membership that the NWT's infrastructure deficit continues to be an ongoing concern, so we commend the Government of the Northwest Territories for pursuing federal funding opportunities to ensure this Nation-building project moves forward.

Sincerely,

Tim Syer, President
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Deneen Everett, Executive Director
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