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Hon. Wally Schumann
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Re: Support for the Slave Geological Province Corridor

Dear Mr. Schumann,

On behalf of our membership of 393 businesses, the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce would like to formally express our support for the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) application under Transport Canada's National Trade Corridor Fund, for the Slave Geological Province Corridor (SGPC). We understand that the GNWT's application for funding will include environmental assessment and planning studies – bringing the project through regulatory reviews and permit approval – as well as for the replacement of the Frank Channel Bridge.

The SGPC is an important economic project that will provide benefits to many industries including mining, construction and tourism. For example, the Slave Geological Province – an area rich in mineral deposits – does not have roads or power lines, requiring private industry to invest in costly seasonal winter roads and air transportation. Investment in the SGPC would decrease the costs associated with mineral exploration, development and production and would also help attract further investment in the NWT mining industry, which is the most significant contributor to the territory's economy.

Furthermore, investment in the SGPC has the potential for increased tourism opportunities, green energy initiatives and workforce development through construction and operation projects.

We've heard from our members that the NWT's infrastructure deficit is a growing concern, so we commend the Government of the Northwest Territories for pursuing funding opportunities to ensure this Nation-building project moves forward.

Sincerely,

Mike Lalonde
President

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Executive Director

