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Minister of Indigenous Services
Honourable Seamus O'Regan
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A0A6

Dear Minister O'Regan,

I write to you today regarding a piece of property the Windsor Port Authority owns know as Ojibway Shores. In brief, this property is along the Detroit River, is 33 acres and home to more than 100 species, many at risk. In an attempt to improve our environment, many in our community fought to prevent this property from being developed and become fully protected. I have requested the property be transferred to the Ministry of Environment for the consideration of the long term development of a National Urban Park. There are currently discussions with the City of Windsor for the consideration of a land exchange arrangement that also includes shoreline property in the immediate area.

In recent media commentary, the Port Authority has identified that it is holding "consultations with 5 local indigenous bands". This is the first I have heard of this engagement and wanted to bring to your attention to ensure all appropriate process are administrated. Please find the enclosed documents to assist, there are many more documents and public materials that we can provide to fully assist.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me should you require anything further.

Yours truly,

Brian Masse MP
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Attach.