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Dear Minister Garneau,

I am writing you regarding the recently announced Order-in-Council approval of the Ambassador Bridge replacement span. The timing of this announcement as well the substantive aspects of the decision raises important questions that warrant your attention.

To begin, it's important for me to state categorically that I was disappointed that neither you nor any senior representative from Transport Canada made themselves personally available in the community for this announcement.

The complexity and scope of this transformative project called for a more transparent and accountable approach from your government.

In order to help the community better understand this decision and to identify key areas of concern I held a public meeting on the border shortly after your announcement. My colleagues, MPs Cheryl Hardcastle (Windsor Tecumseh) and Tracey Ramsey (Essex) attended as well as MPP Lisa Gretzky (Windsor West). In addition the Matt Marchand, President and CEO of the Regional Chamber of Commerce and Brian Hogan, President of the District Labour Council attended. In addition the City of Windsor also had a representative present.

The meeting was attended by over 200 residents of the community. I asked people to submit questions in writing. Over 100 questions were submitted; below you will find them listed in their entirety.

I ask that you take the time to address each of these questions as they reflect the legitimate concerns that people in my community have regarding the impacts this project will have in our region.

The community looks forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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