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Dear Minister Lebel,

Further to my letter to you dated May 22, 2013 I am writing you today to provide you with an update of recent events connected to the issue raised there as well to advise of an opportunity that could benefit the region. In my previous letter I ask you to consider a proposal from Amico Infrastructures Inc.—the contractors of the Rt. Hon. H.G. Parkway (the Parkway) that would see them provide fill material necessary to properly grade off the new bridge plaza property at no cost to the government.

There is a degree of urgency with respect to this proposal since as you know the Parkway construction is on-going and there is significant pressure on Amico to deal with the excess fill material generated by the project. So much so in fact that Amico was considering other options including providing the excess Parkway fill to the Windsor Port Authority (WPA) at no cost and to clear cut and grade the Ojibway Shores property under their control. According to the WPA this was going to prepare the land for

I was happy to receive a copy of your letter responding to local environmental groups in my community where you state unequivocally:

“Please be assured that Transport Canada has no intention of using the Ojibway Shores land to accept fill for the Detroit River International Crossing project.”

This was the correct decision, moreover the comments from your caucus colleague in the region Mr. Watson with regard to Ojibway Shores demonstrates that your government is cognisant of the critical ecological importance of this parcel of land. In fact he recently stated publicly that he: “has a desire to preserve the Ojibway Shores land.”

Since becoming aware that the Parkway excess fill was not going to be made available to them the Windsor Port Authority indicates that they hope there are opportunities they can address both their “bottom line and conservation of the property.”



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If viable the Amico proposal could create an opportunity to acquire the Ojibway Shores property at no additional cost, allow the government to ensure this critical ecological parcel of land is protected and preserved and begin the important work of preparing the bridge plaza for construction.

I am happy to discuss this proposal in greater detail with you and again particularly with respect to the Amico proposal for the excess fill material from the Parkway project it is critical that you act now to before it is too late to take advantage of this potential opportunity.

I look forward to your reply,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Masse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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