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The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc

President of the King's Privy Council for Canada

Minister for Canada-US Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs, Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy

Ottawa, ON

Via Email: RBT2Comment-CommentaireT2RB@mpo-bgp.gc.ca

Re: Support for Roberts Bank Terminal 2 as a Project of National Interest

Dear Minister LeBlanc,

On behalf of the Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce and the almost 500 businesses we represent throughout Mission and the surrounding Fraser Valley region, I am writing to express our support for the inclusion of Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (RBT2) in Schedule 1 of the Building Canada Act as a Project of National Interest.

Our region sits at the crossroads of some of British Columbia's most important transportation and trade corridors. The Fraser Valley serves as a critical gateway connecting the Port of Vancouver with the rest of Canada, and Mission itself is strategically positioned within a network of highways, rail infrastructure, industrial lands, agricultural producers, manufacturing operations, and logistics businesses that depend on the efficient movement of goods. Decisions affecting port capacity are not felt only on the waterfront. They are felt throughout communities like ours, where businesses rely on reliable and affordable transportation networks to remain competitive.

Roberts Bank Terminal 2 represents a significant investment in Canada's trade infrastructure and economic resilience. The project would increase container capacity at the Port of Vancouver by approximately 50% and expand Canada's West Coast container capacity by more than 30%. According to the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, the terminal would unlock approximately \$100 billion in additional annual trade capacity, contribute an estimated \$3 billion annually to Canada's GDP, and create tens of thousands of jobs. These benefits extend well beyond the Lower Mainland and will strengthen Canada's ability to diversify trade and access growing international markets.

For businesses in Mission and across the Fraser Valley, reliable access to port infrastructure is not an abstract policy issue. Our region is home to agricultural producers, food processors, manufacturers, construction suppliers, transportation firms, and exporters whose success



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depends on predictable supply chains. Many local businesses import equipment, parts, and materials through the Port of Vancouver, while others export products to markets throughout Asia and beyond. As container volumes continue to increase, maintaining sufficient capacity will be essential to avoiding bottlenecks, reducing delays, and keeping costs manageable for businesses and consumers alike.

When shipping delays occur, the impacts ripple throughout our local economy. Manufacturers face production disruptions, retailers experience inventory challenges, transportation providers encounter scheduling difficulties, and exporters risk losing opportunities in competitive global markets. Additional container capacity at Roberts Bank would help ensure that businesses throughout the Fraser Valley can continue to grow, invest, create jobs, and compete internationally with confidence.

We are also encouraged by the significant progress already achieved on this project. Key environmental approvals are in place, consent has been secured from 27 First Nations, and a construction partner has been identified, demonstrating that the project is both well-advanced and positioned to move forward responsibly.

As Canada seeks to strengthen economic resilience, diversify trade relationships, and reduce barriers to economic growth, investments in nationally significant trade infrastructure have never been more important. Designating Roberts Bank Terminal 2 as a Project of National Interest would recognize the vital role the facility will play in supporting Canadian businesses, strengthening supply chains, and ensuring our transportation network can meet future demand.

The Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce respectfully urges the Government of Canada to designate Roberts Bank Terminal 2 as a Project of National Interest and support a clear, coordinated, and timely path forward. We believe this investment will benefit not only the Port of Vancouver, but also the communities, businesses, and workers throughout the Fraser Valley who help keep Canada's trade economy moving every day.

Thank you for your consideration. We welcome the opportunity to discuss the importance of this project and its benefits to businesses in Mission and across the region.

Sincerely,

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