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Mr. C. Stephen MacKenzie
Chief Executive Officer
Windsor Essex Economic Development Corporation
700 California Avenue, Suite 200
Windsor ON N9B 2Z2

Dear Mr. MacKenzie:

Thank you for your letter of support for the expansion of Highway 3. I welcome the opportunity to respond.

The ministry recognizes the importance of promoting trade and transportation to the Windsor-Essex region and is pleased to hear that a number of local organizations support Phase 3 expansion of Highway 3 between the Town of Essex and Leamington.

Ontario remains committed to finishing our plans to widen Highway 3 between Windsor and Leamington to four lanes. To date, we have already invested nearly \$50 million to widen 13 km of Highway 3 between Windsor and the Town of Essex.

In your letter, you suggest that the Government of Canada's National Trade Corridors Fund could be a source of funding for Phase 3 widening of Highway 3. The ministry is aware of this new funding initiative, and has already provided projects for consideration under the initial intake for the program.

The ministry will continue to consider Phase 3 expansion of Highway 3 for future submissions under this initiative. In the meantime, we are continuing with engineering and design work through the Town of Essex.

Thank you again for your support for the expansion of Highway 3 widening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn McGarry".

Kathryn McGarry
Minister

c. Tom Bain, Warden, County of Essex