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The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc
Minister of One Canadian Economy
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Via email: RBT2Comment-CommentaireT2RB@mpo-bgp.gc.ca

Re: Consultation on *Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (RBT2)*

Dear Minister LeBlanc,

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the Government of Canada's consultation on the *Roberts Bank Terminal 2 (RBT2)* at the Port of Vancouver. We commend the federal government for its efforts to address Canada's challenges in getting goods efficiently to market and its establishment of the Major Projects Office to speed up approvals on projects of national interest. We strongly support listing RBT2 as a project in the national interest under the *Building Canada Act*.

Since 1920, the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce has been the Voice of Business in Saskatchewan. Supported by provincial businesses, professional associations, and local Chambers of Commerce, the Saskatchewan Chamber is uniquely equipped to accurately reflect the needs of the broad Saskatchewan business community to help make Saskatchewan the best place to live, work and invest.

For Saskatchewan businesses, expanding capacity at the Port of Vancouver and addressing bottlenecks in getting goods to market are directly tied to our reliability, competitiveness, and investment attraction. As a land-locked, exporting province, Saskatchewan's economy depends on reliable access to markets around the globe. We export 70 per cent of what we produce, and we rely on Canada's ports to do so.

Reliability is a competitive advantage. But we can't be a reliable trading partner without robust trade infrastructure. Canada's ports have aging infrastructure,

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outdated processes, financing constraints, and slow project approvals. In the World Bank's Container Port Performance Index 2025, Vancouver ranked 375th out of 419 ports worldwide based on vessel time in port. Grain loading stops in notoriously rainy Vancouver as they lack covered conveyor systems. This results in 30 to 60 productive days lost each year. Slow approvals are also a problem. RBT2 entered the review process in 2013 and is likely to be completed in the mid-2030s.

West Coast ports handle more than 21,000 tons of Saskatchewan potash daily and more than 15 million metric tons of Saskatchewan grain every year. We recommend targeted investment for modernization, greater access to private capital, and faster project approvals. To that end, Saskatchewan businesses have asked us to advocate for the following.

Key Considerations and Recommendations

1. List RBT2 as a major project of national interest under the *Building Canada Act*.
2. Develop a national 20-year rolling Trade Infrastructure Strategy Plan with an explicit East-West corridor focus and a published short list of priority projects with firm timelines.
3. Break the public-private impasse on enabling infrastructure. Public capital must move first to unlock private co-investment.
4. Prioritize strategic infrastructure for export corridors and fund targeted rail, terminal, and port capacity projects aligned with projected prairie export growth. Provide timelines, permitting streamlining, and community engagement plans, and designate National Trade Corridors as a means of improving coordination across the transportation system.
5. Address chronic port and corridor bottlenecks with cross-sector input. Work with agriculture, mining, and energy to identify and co-prioritize investments in trade corridor bottlenecks.
6. Fast-track approvals for trade-enabling infrastructure and establish a federal-provincial-Indigenous infrastructure roundtable to coordinate investment and eliminate duplication.
7. Scale the Major Projects Office mandate with a published 12-month fast-track playbook that specifies roles, timelines, interdepartmental escalation, and dispute resolution pathways.

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce supports the objective of listing RBT2 as a project in the national interest under the *Building Canada Act*.
Saskatchewan businesses are ready to contribute to One Canadian Economy.

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What they need from the federal government is certainty, partnership, and trade infrastructure that recognizes and supports the national value of Saskatchewan's agriculture, energy, manufacturing, minerals, and export economy.

Thank you for considering our feedback. We are committed to collaborating with the Government of Canada to promote a competitive business environment for Saskatchewan industry.

Sincerely,



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