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The Honourable Claire Trevena, M.L.A.  
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Government of British Columbia  
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The Honourable Lisa Beare, M.L.A.  
Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture  
Government of British Columbia  
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Dear Ministers:

Thank you for your letter of June 16, 2019, also addressed to the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Tourism, Official Languages and La Francophonie, regarding federal support for the engineering, analysis and related market sounding and procurement components for the Belleville Terminal in Victoria, British Columbia.

I appreciate the significance of the Belleville Terminal as it is the disembarking point for many international tourists coming to enjoy the beauty of Victoria, Vancouver Island and other destinations across Canada's West. I fully understand that first impressions are very important, and we all have a vested interest in ensuring that Canada puts forward its best face to our international visitors.

As you know, the Government of Canada is providing substantial investments through a number of infrastructure streams to support provinces, territories, local governments and indigenous communities in meeting their infrastructure needs.

Through the Integrated Bilateral Agreement with British Columbia, Infrastructure Canada has committed to providing over \$4.1 billion in federal funding dedicated to infrastructure projects in British Columbia over the next decade. This new funding will see the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia make unprecedented investments in public transit, green infrastructure, communities, recreational and cultural infrastructure, as well as rural and northern communities.

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As you have indicated, this request is outside of the parameters of the Integrated Bilateral Agreement. The type of activities for which you are seeking federal support from Infrastructure Canada are outside of what we are able to fund and do not fall within the parameters of any of our existing programming. Capital investments in this facility would likely be eligible under the Integrated Bilateral Agreement, and I would encourage you to make use of this funding to advance this project once you have completed the necessary analysis.

It is important for me to understand the needs of local and provincial governments. I welcome your input and will ensure that any applications received by my officials from British Columbia for our existing programming are reviewed and sent to my attention in a timely manner.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'F. Champagne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

c.c. The Honourable William Francis Morneau, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Finance

The Honourable Mélanie Joly, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Tourism, Official Languages and La Francophonie

The Honourable Carla Qualtrough, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility

The Honourable William Sterling Blair, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Border Security and Organized Crime Reduction

The Honourable Bruce Ralston, M.L.A.  
Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology, British Columbia

The Honourable Mike Farnworth, M.L.A.  
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, British Columbia

The Honourable Rob Fleming, M.L.A.  
Minister of Education, British Columbia

Mr. Grant Main  
Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, British Columbia

Mr. Bobbi Plecas  
Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat, Office of the Premier,  
British Columbia

Ms. Shauna Brouwer  
Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture and of the Ministry  
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Her Worship Lisa Helps  
Mayor of Victoria, British Columbia