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Mayor  
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MAYOR'S OFFICE  
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VICTORIA, B.C.

Dear Madam Mayor:

I am writing in response to your correspondence of November 19, 2015, which was forwarded by the Prime Minister's Office, regarding increased protection for workers who may face health and safety risks due to asbestos.

I have noted that your concerns pertain to the presence of asbestos within the structure of vessels and buildings, and not to its transportation as a dangerous good. This being the case, I should explain that such issues would best be addressed by Health Canada, rather than Transport Canada. I note that the Prime Minister's Office has already forwarded your letter to the Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Health, for consideration.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Transport

c.c.        The Honourable Jane Philpott, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Health