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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to the replacement of the Oxtongue Lake Narrows Bridge (GWP 93-89-00) and Oxtongue River Bridge (GWP 5550-04-00) in the Township of Algonquin Highlands in the County of Haliburton.

As the Member of Provincial Parliament, I recognize that tourism is a vital economic lifeline for the residents and businesses that operate in the Oxtongue Lake area, especially in the summer months.

The lost business in connection with this work could prove to be financially devastating for this community. Therefore, it is essential that a plan be put in place, for the replacement of the above-mentioned bridges, which takes into account the concerns of the people that live and work in the community. Furthermore, this plan should be in place prior to the commencement of construction and agreed to by the majority of the community.

Any arrangement done after the fact has too strong a potential to hit this community with a financial storm as a result of lost business connected to the planned work.

Both myself and those in the community understand the need for this work as many of the roads and bridges in this riding require upgrading and/or replacement.

I look forward to working together with local residents and businesses, along with the Ministry of Transportation and project partners to move forward with this project in a positive way for all those affected.

Sincerely,

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