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MAYOR'S OFFICE

February 14, 2008

Mayor Peter J. Kelly Halifax Regional Municipality Office of the Mayor 1841 Argyle Street, P.O. Box 1749 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3A5

Dear Mayor Kelly,

RE: Request for letter of support from Brian Masse MP for motion before the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure & Communities

I am writing you today to request a letter from you and your organization in support of a motion that I have put forward to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport. My motion, I intend to bring forward to the Committee and reads as follows:

## Motion – Brian Masse Member of Parliament for Windsor West

"That the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities engage in a comprehensive study of the border and gateway infrastructure needs and requirements to encourage investment and increase transport capacity, hold hearings in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Windsor, Vancouver, and Prince Rupert in order to obtain the most complete understanding of the situation and to have the widest diversity of witnesses, and report the study to the House of Commons."

My motion is my attempt to bring the Canada-US border to the forefront of the priorities of the Transport Committee. It is clear, especially in this time of economic uncertainty, that the free flow of goods and people across our international border is one of the most important crises facing many organizations, industries and Canadians across the nation.

I am hoping to collect support from as many affected organizations and individuals as possible. It is time to make our border a priority and I look forward to hearing back from you on this issue.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly, (original signed by) Brian Masse MP Windsor West NDP Transport, Border and Auto Policy Critic