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Dear Mr. Ward and Mr. Alghurabi:

On behalf of the Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association (CVMA), and our members DaimlerChrysler Canada Inc., Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, General Motors of Canada Limited, and International Truck and Engine Corporation Canada, I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) Study.

Due to the integrated nature of the North American vehicle manufacturing industry, and our industry's reliance on the consistent and efficient movement of goods between Canada and the United States, we strongly support actions taken to improve access to the border and development of a new crossing in the Detroit/Windsor area. Our members are among the largest active users of the Canada/United States border and agree that there is a need for additional infrastructure in the Windsor/Detroit region. Additionally, we believe it is critical that any plans for a new crossing include dedicated Free and Secure Trade (FAST) lanes to ensure the efficient movement of low risk, pre-approved goods across the border.

We are pleased that the DRIC study continues to make progress towards a new international crossing with direct access from highway to interstate. We encourage you and your team to expedite the process so that construction of the new crossing and highway extensions can begin as soon as possible.

We appreciate the transparency of the process and look forward to future updates through the communication and consultation mechanisms employed by the DRIC team.

Yours sincerely,

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