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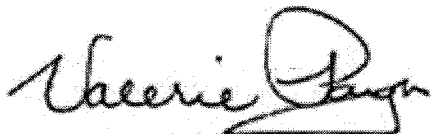
Dear Karen:

On behalf of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, I would like to endorse the use of the federal government's Atlantic Gateway funding for infrastructure projects involving the Port of Halifax.

The expansion of the South End Terminal and the extension of the Richmond Terminal together represent the kind of development that will bring an increase in economic activity to the region and enhance the port's reputation as a world-class facility. The Chamber welcomes any initiative designed to secure the Port of Halifax's place as a player in an increasingly competitive market.

As the voice of nearly 2,000 member businesses representing upwards of 93,000 employees, we would be remiss in not throwing our full support behind a project that will create employment, stimulate the economy and increase prosperity in greater Halifax and in the Atlantic Region.

Sincerely,



Valerie Payn
President and CEO