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The Hon. Omar Alghabra PC, MP, Minister of Transport Canada
The Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
The Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
The Hon. Maryam Monsef, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development
The Hon. Caroline Mulroney Minister of Transportation
The Hon. Greg Rickford Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, and Indigenous Affairs

VIA: Email

Dear Ministers,

The Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) strongly supports the recommendations put forward in the Coast-to-Coast Bus Coalition proposal. NOMA has long advocated for intercommunity transportation for Northwestern Ontario. While the proposal is indeed coast-to-coast, it would also be of great importance to transportation services throughout Northwestern Ontario as it will connect 19 municipalities in our catchment to a national transportation network.

This service would connect all Canadians and increase intercity travel throughout our region to aid in our economic recovery. It would increase tourism, connect people with new job opportunities, create more potential employees for businesses, and connect students to our educational institutions. More importantly, this would help people more readily access healthcare and other essential services. This proposal could improve gaps in the Ontario bus service, in coordination with Ontario Northland and smaller Northern bus and train services. We request that the Ministers receive our recommendation to support this proposal.

We appreciate your time with this matter. Should you wish to discuss this matter further please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Landry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wendy Landry, President, NOMA
Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah

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