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W. Norval Horner, Director
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Dear W. Norval Horner:

Thank you for your letter requesting support for a federal regional assessment of a proposed economic corridor between Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. I apologize for the delay in responding and welcome the opportunity to provide the following information.

I appreciate Western Energy Corridor Inc.'s proposal to establish an economic corridor for resources such as energy and minerals, to support jobs, and to help get full value for the natural resources owned by Albertans and other Canadians. We acknowledge the federal government's decision to not conduct a regional assessment at this time.

The Government of Alberta supports options to gain market access for Alberta's resources, and Alberta's Recovery Plan will establish an Economic Corridors Task Force. The task force will assess possible economic corridors and provide recommendations to government on potential corridor options. For more information, please visit www.alberta.ca and search for "Alberta's Recovery Plan" and "economic corridor development." I am also forwarding your letter to MLA Shane Getson, Economic Corridors Task Force chair, for his consideration.

For more information on the economic corridor development, please contact Michal Pylko, Director of Network and Highway Planning, Alberta Transportation, in Edmonton, at 780-984-2916, or at michal.pylko@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely

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Jason Nixon
Minister

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