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Dear Ms. Griffiths,

On behalf of CargoM, I appreciate the opportunity to express our support for CN's proposed Milton Logistics Hub project.

CargoM is the Metropolitan Cluster for logistics and transportation in Montreal, which aspires to establish Greater Montreal as an important intermodal hub and an attractive place to do business. To achieve this, reliable and efficient supply chains to key markets such as the U.S. Midwest and the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA), are critical.

The Milton Logistics Hub project would provide flexible supply chains and ensure there are competitive alternatives for Montreal to access key markets. This project is needed to address growing demand for intermodal transportation, based on population growth and rising demand for consumer goods.

As our vital ports, such as the Port of Montreal, continue to experience growth in container volumes, there is an even greater need for inland intermodal capacity to keep pace with that growth.

The GTHA is a vital hub in the continental trade network, and the fluidity of goods movement through the GTHA is critical. Without the additional intermodal capacity that's needed there, this will affect the entire supply chain, constraining the ability of Montreal's transportation and logistics stakeholders to continue operating efficiently and competitively.

The Milton Logistics Hub is not only needed to serve the Southern Ontario region, but would provide vital transportation infrastructure to service the broader North American network, and improve the ability of Canadian businesses to access key domestic and international markets.

Please consider this in your review of CN's proposed Milton Logistics Hub.

Sincerely,
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