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Re: Support for approval of CN Milton Logistics Hub

Dear Minister Wilkinson and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada,

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for CN's proposed Milton Logistics Hub project. This project will provide critical additional intermodal terminal capacity in southern Ontario, creating greater supply chain fluidity and network capacity across North America.

Duluth Cargo Connect is a multimodal cargo hub located in Duluth, Minnesota, connecting to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System for a fast, flexible freight network that extends across the U.S. and Canada. Duluth Cargo Connect is a working partnership of Duluth Seaway Port Authority and Lake Superior Warehousing Co., Inc. Together, we provide cargo handling, storage, distribution and transportation logistics services for breakbulk, heavy lift and other project cargoes moving in and out of North America's heartland via the Port of Duluth.

CN provides an important rail connection via the CN Duluth Intermodal Terminal, which connects the region to containerized imports and exports via a high-capacity rail network that spans the continent, providing direct service to and from the East, West and Gulf Coast ports. This partnership between CN and Duluth Cargo Connect opens up a congestion-free logistics supply chain that moves freight by its shortest, most economical path. This path can only remain congestion-free if all parts of the supply chain are operating efficiently. With growth in intermodal demand across the network and in North America's busiest economic centers, like the GTA, the effects of congestion are felt at different points along the network, affecting domestic and international transportation of goods.

A new intermodal terminal in southern Ontario – the Milton Logistics Hub – will provide additional capacity that is needed to address growth in intermodal demand not only at this location, but across the network. This project is needed to ensure the entire intermodal network continues operating efficiently. Not only does all of our East Coast containerized import/export traffic travel through the GTA via CN, but the GTA is also an important connection for domestic container traffic for us, as well. Simply put, greater capacity and fluidity through *and* expanded access to the GTA is critical to our cross border trade with Canada as our volume continues to grow.

Recognizing the public comment period on the draft project conditions has closed, we still appreciate the opportunity to provide our input on this important project, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Deborah DeLuca in blue ink.

Deborah DeLuca
Executive Director
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