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Contrecoeur Port Terminal Expansion Project  
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### **Contrecoeur Port Terminal Expansion Project**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing on behalf of the Shipping Federation of Canada, which is the voice of the owners, operators and agents of the ocean-going ships that carry Canada's world trade. Our members represent over 200 shipping companies whose vessels are involved in all of the international shipping markets, whether as the owners or Canadian representatives of ships that carry major commodities such as grain, iron ore and oil from Canadian ports to export markets overseas, or as the operators of container shipping lines that serve Canadian ports by delivering intermodal containers to and from the rest of the world.

We believe it is imperative that Canada's transportation system has the capacity to efficiently handle the growth in international trade that fuels our country's economic success and advances the competitiveness of its importers and exporters. This is why we are such strong proponents of the Montreal Port Authority's (MPA) Contrecoeur Terminal Expansion Project, which will ensure that the Port is fully equipped to channel Canada's growing trade volumes in the most efficient manner possible, while further strengthening its competitiveness and resilience in the container sector overall.

The Contrecoeur project will also generate a number of tangible economic benefits, including the creation of 5,000 jobs during the terminal's construction and another 1,000 direct jobs upon its completion, and the development of new opportunities for the more than 6,300 companies that comprise Montreal's logistics ecosystem. Additional terminal capacity will also allow the Port of Montreal to increase its share of existing containerized traffic and capitalize on future growth in emerging markets throughout the world.

Our organization has been an active participant in the MPA's engagement with stakeholders on the Contrecoeur project, and we have made particular note of the Port's proactive commitment to ensuring that the social and environmental factors related to the terminal's construction are well understood and appropriately addressed. We have also been reassured by the extensive mitigation and compensation measures that the Port has developed, and which are captured in the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's draft Environmental Assessment Report.

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We appreciate this opportunity to contribute to the assessment of the Contrecoeur Terminal Expansion Project and to reiterate our organization's strong support for this initiative. It is our view that the project represents a vital opportunity to ensure Canada's ability to build the strategic infrastructure that is essential to the competitiveness and efficiency of its trade routes and to the country's ongoing economic success.

Sincerely,

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