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Dear Members of Parliament:

Thank you for your letter of December 9, 2015, regarding British Columbia Ferries and funding eligibility for ferries under Infrastructure Canada's New Building Canada Fund.

While it is true that British Columbia Ferries – and ferry operators in general – are eligible proponents for funding, projects that have been proposed to date have not met the terms and conditions of the New Building Canada Fund. As part of my mandate, I am consulting with partners and stakeholders across Canada to discuss changes to the New Building Canada Fund, in order to accelerate approvals and increase transparency.

I welcome your advice and perspectives, as the Members of Parliament from Vancouver Island, and will take these into consideration. I have also spoken to provincial ministers on this same matter. I look forward to working with key partners to deliver on our government's commitments to significantly improve and double federal infrastructure investments, and to help build communities that Canadians can be proud to call home.

Please accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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