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Via email: infc.minister-ministre.infc@canada.ca

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C, M.P.
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
180 Kent Street, Suite 1100
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 0B6

Dear Minister McKenna:

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Bar Association's Construction and Infrastructure Law Section (CBA Section) to extend our congratulations on your recent election and appointment as Minister of Infrastructure and Communities. We look forward to establishing a positive and constructive relationship with you and your team.

The CBA is a national association representing over 36,000 jurists, including lawyers, notaries, law teachers, and students across Canada. We promote the rule of law, access to justice, effective law reform and provide expertise on how the law touches the lives of Canadians every day. The CBA Section examines the law and practice relating to the construction industry, including contracts, bonding, insurance, arbitration and litigation.

We are pleased to see that your mandate includes creating a National Infrastructure Fund to seek out and support major nation-building projects. The [2019 Canadian Infrastructure Report Card](#) comments on the state of Canada's public infrastructure such as roads, bridges, potable water and public transit. The report finds that our infrastructure is at risk and will require significant attention in the coming decades.

Given our legal perspective on infrastructure renewal, we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and your officials to discuss how we might assist you with your mandate.

Yours truly,

(original letter signed by Marc-Andre O'Rourke for Andrew J. Heal)

Andrew J. Heal
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