**VIA EMAIL** 

June 8, 2022

The Honourable Omar Alghabra, P.C., M.P.

Minister of Transport

**House of Commons** 

Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Alghabra,

We are writing to express our support for CN's plans to build a new 47 km spur line to service the BHP Jansen Potash Mine in Saskatchewan.

However, this project is very important I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the citizens in our RM to present a huge concern regarding the railway crossings. We are all aware of the increasing size in agricultural machinery therefore the RM of Prairie Rose is demanding that the railway crossings and signage will be made wide enough to allow for agricultural machinery to easily and safely cross through the crossings. The RM of Prairie Rose #309 is an agricultural community and therefore it is in the best interest of our council to present this issue to you.

BHP and CN have led various early activities related to the proposed Jansen CN Rail Spur including public open houses and landowner discussions to collect feedback on the proposed route to ensure it meets the necessary safety requirements, acknowledges stakeholder objectives, and achieves the least environmental impact.

The construction of the rail spur will provide hundreds of employment opportunities for our community throughout the construction of the spur and thereafter at the BHP Jansen Potash Mine.

Minister, we urge the Government to approve this important transportation project. The spur needs to be ready, at the earliest possible date, to meet the growing global demand for Canadian potash and bring our natural resources to international markets.

Sincerely,

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RM of Prairie Rose #309