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Hon. Bernadette Jordan, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Rural Economic Development
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Ottawa, ON K1P 0B6

Dear Minister:

Congratulations on your appointment as the Minister of Rural Economic Development. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce looks forward to working with you to strengthen Canada's rural economies.

Rural communities face obstacles to attaining their economic potential that include their distance from markets as well as the skilled workforce and critical infrastructure essential to business operations. The Canadian Chamber is a strong advocate for enhancing access to high-speed internet in rural areas and for building the necessary infrastructure to get our resources to market, attracting talent, etc. We also support a nationwide rollout of the Atlantic Immigration Pilot to attract and retain newcomers in rural communities.

We look forward to working with you, your staff and officials in creating a rural economic strategy. Please accept my best wishes for your work on behalf of Canadians.

Sincerely,

Hon. Perrin Beatty, P.C., O.C.
President and Chief Executive Officer

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