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Mr. Harold Albrecht, MP
Kitchener-Conestoga
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Albrecht,

I wish to congratulate you on your re-election to Parliament.

On October 30, 2015, the Government of Ontario announced my appointment as a Special Advisor to assist the Province in bringing high-speed rail (HSR) to the Windsor, London, Kitchener-Waterloo and Toronto corridor. I am pleased to write you today to explain the role that I will play in advancing this important initiative, and to invite you to a meeting in your community.

I have been tasked to work with public and private sector stakeholders, including First Nation and Métis partners, to identify economic development opportunities associated with high-speed trains, assess international experience with HSR and provide advice on potential financing models. I look forward to incorporating feedback from key partners into my work to maximize the benefits of this project in a timely manner.

Meetings with municipalities, business leaders, and First Nation and Métis representatives are planned to provide an overview of the HSR initiative and an opportunity to have a broad discussion on this important initiative. These meetings will be the start of a larger conversation to explore how we can work together to make HSR a reality in Ontario.

I would like to invite you to the meeting in Kitchener-Waterloo on February 4, 2016 at a venue to be confirmed in the near future. Please RSVP by January 8, 2016 to Karrah Fogg at 416-585-7290 or via email at karrah.fogg@ontario.ca if you are able to attend this meeting.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I look forward to working with you as we move forward to shape the future of HSR in southern Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Collenette".

Hon. David Collenette, P.C., F.C.I.L.T.
Special Advisor, High Speed Rail