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Dear Minister Rodriguez,

First, let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on your new challenges as Minister of Transportation. As a Member of Parliament representing areas of coastal British Columbia, and particularly the ecologically sensitive Salish Sea, I was frequently in touch with your predecessors on key initiatives, such as Bill C-33, and the new changes to respond to the crisis of derelict vessels brought in in Bill C-47.

The establishment of a Derelict Vessel Remediation Fund through C-47 is what prompts this letter. I asked for and received a departmental briefing on the new fund last spring. I think it is fair to say that officials were at an early stage. I was surprised they seemed to be unaware of excellent models Canada should build upon in similar initiatives in the states of California and Washington.

My constituents, including my MLA, Adam Olsen copied here, are keen to know how we can engage with your department to assist in establishing a fund with the best chance of success.

I would appreciate your advice on this. As ever, as in your previous portfolios, I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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