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Honourable Scott Fraser
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation &
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Room 323 Parliament Buildings
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Via E-Mail - IRR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Scott Fraser

RE: Port Alberni – Anacla/Bamfield Road Upgrade

I am writing you on behalf of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District to express our strong support for your government to fund upgrading of the Port Alberni – Anacla/Bamfield Road as soon as possible.

Chip sealing the Port Alberni-Bamfield Road is considered an urgent priority by Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN). The 85 kilometre road is the only access to Anacla – Huu-ay-aht's main village and Bamfield. It is currently an industrial road suitable only for trucks and heavy equipment. The 90-minute rough drive is a disincentive for Huu-ay-aht citizens to live on Treaty Lands, is a safety hazard, and is hampering economic development such as tourism.

Improving the road supports the successful implementation of Huu-ay-aht's strategic plan by:

- a. Supporting economic development and the financial independence of HFN
- b. Allowing for more Huu-ay-aht citizens to live and work on Treaty Lands
- c. Bringing Huu-ay-aht children home
- d. Improving the safety of this road.

The Port Alberni-Bamfield Road is a good example of the type of strategic infrastructure needed throughout Nuu-chah-nulth Territory and an important step toward reconciliation.

Sincerely,

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Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Cc: Huu-ay-aht First Nation