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The Honourable John Manley, P.C., M.P.
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Infrastructure
and Crown Corporations
14 Metcalfe Street, 3rd Floor
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A3

Dear Minister:

We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the Situational Analysis and Recommendations of the Business Transportation Task Force.

As you know, on May 9th, 2002, you asked the Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce to oversee the formation and administration of a business focused ad hoc committee. The objectives of this committee were 1) to assess and identify problems and issues facing the existing border crossings, including physical infrastructure and institutional barriers; 2) Develop criteria integral to business needs; and 3) Recommend short-term alternative concepts and regional "Now Solutions", national in significance, which could access federal and provincial dollars in order to enhance border efficiency and throughput.

Our business community has taken this request seriously. A group of Windsor/Essex County stakeholders have met in a comprehensive process over the past four months, which resulted in a thorough review and agreement on the attached findings.

It has been our pleasure to serve as Co-Chairs of this Task Force, coupled with our sense of duty to not only Windsor and Essex County, but also to Ontario and to Canada.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact us. A complete report will be forwarded to your attention by month end.

Sincerely,

BUSINESS TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

Michael Robinson
Co-Chair

Michael Walker
Co-Chair