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Dear Minister,

On behalf of the 430 members of the Canadian Propane Association (CPA) across Canada, I am writing to congratulate you on your reappointment as Minister of Transport.

I also take this opportunity to express our concern regarding the stoppage of rail transportation of propane now that an impasse has occurred in negotiations between CN and the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC). To this end, we are asking to meet with you as soon as possible.

As you know, railway transportation is extremely important to the many Canadians who rely on propane every day for their homes, businesses, farms, and fleets. Timely delivery of supplies is of utmost importance to ensure critical activities fuelled by propane can continue.

The current situation is extremely difficult not only for farmers, who are experiencing one of the most challenging harvests in recent memory, but also for homeowners heating their homes with propane, small businesses, manufacturers, owners of school bus fleets and delivery trucks, etc.

Coupled with seasonally high propane demands for home energy and a multitude of other uses, it is essential that the transportation of propane is returned to normal operations. Given such a critical time of the year, this work stoppage is proving to be extremely detrimental to the many Canadians that depend on the propane industry. Rail infrastructure is essential to move goods across the country.

The CPA believes that it is critical that CN and the TCRC reach a successful conclusion to the negotiations, thus ensuring the continued movement of propane across the country.

Timing is of the utmost importance and is running short. If no immediate agreement can be reached, we expect that the federal government will take whatever action is necessary so that rail transportation of propane is not interrupted.

Among the options the government should actively consider is the resumption of Parliament as soon as possible to get the trains moving again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Kelly', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc. Hon. Filomena Tassi, Minister of Labour