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Hon. Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport
Transport Canada
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Dear Minister,

On behalf of the 430 members of the Canadian Propane Association (CPA) across Canada, I am writing to you to express our concern regarding any stoppage of rail transportation of propane should an impasse occur in negotiations between CN and the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC).

As you know, railway transportation is extremely important to Canada's propane industry and 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.

Over the past several years, the propane industry has dealt with wet weather during the fall drying crop seasons and challenging winters that have included backlogs throughout much of the country.

While we are hopeful that this year will be manageable, we once again are facing challenging weather conditions during crop drying season, particularly in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba. Coupled with seasonally high propane demands for home energy and a multitude of other uses, it's essential that the transportation of propane is not interrupted. Given such a critical time of the year, a work stoppage now would prove to be extremely detrimental to the propane industry.

The CPA is hopeful that CN and the TCRC will be able to reach a successful conclusion to the negotiations thus ensuring the continued movement of propane across the country.

If not, we expect that the federal government will take whatever action is necessary to ensure that rail transportation of propane is not interrupted.

Sincerely,

Dan Kelly
Chief Financial Officer, Dowler-Karn
Chair, Board of Directors, Canadian Propane Association

cc. Hon. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour