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Mr. Bruno Caciagli
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Sent via email: info@lakeontarioexpress.ca

Dear Mr. Caciagli,

On behalf of Niagara Economic Development, it is my pleasure to write to you in support of your project, the Lake Ontario Express.

Strong, economical, and sustainable transportation options are critical to ensuring Niagara's future economic growth and prosperity. The Lake Ontario Express provides a transportation option that is complementary to the planned GO train service extension and the Region's 2041 Transportation Master Plan's vision.

Nearly 2,500 business establishments in Niagara rely on the support of more than 12 million visitors to the region for their prosperity. Tourism sales contribute more than \$2 billion to Niagara's economy and the tourism sector employs more than 36,000 people. Providing a variety of transportation options to move people and goods in and out of the Region is essential to supporting business growth, to attracting new investment, and to expanding our existing tourism sector.

In principle, Niagara Economic Development supports the concept of a water ferry service between Niagara and downtown Toronto, and the work you are undertaking to make this a possibility.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-980-6000 ext 3673.

Regards,



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