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Ms. Isabelle Therrien  
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Dear Ms. Therrien:

As Minister of Transport, I would like to extend my congratulations to the Canadian Board of Marine Underwriters and its members on the occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Marine underwriting has played a crucial role in this country's early development, when many commercial voyages or "maritime adventures" to Canada may not have occurred without marine insurance. The Canadian Board of Marine Underwriters (CBMU) and its members have assured the financial interests of Canadian traders and promoted the safety of Canada's maritime sector since its founding general meeting on March 12, 1917.

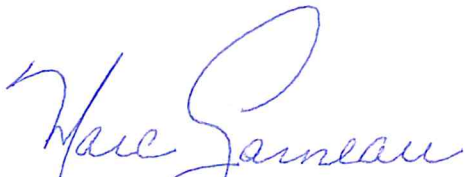
Over the years, the CBMU has been a strong advocate and resource for the marine community and Canadian shipping industry. Through its close collaboration with Transport Canada, the CBMU has helped to shape Canada's maritime liability and compensation regime, including the many international maritime conventions that Canada has implemented. The CBMU was a key player in the passage of the *Marine Liability Act* in 2001 and its amendment in 2009.

Most recently, the CBMU's input has helped to shape regulations regarding compulsory insurance for passenger vessels that were pre-published in the *Canada Gazette, Part 1*, in December 2016, as well as the department's policy regarding the implementation of the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks. I would like to thank the CBMU's directors and membership for their thoughtful advice and support in the implementation of these policy and legislative initiatives.

Going forward, I know I can count on the CBMU's members to advance Canada's Transportation 2030 Strategic Plan for the Future of Transportation in Canada, particularly with regard to the theme of Waterways, Coasts and the North. I look forward to the CBMU's continued engagement and the provision of its expertise, advice and support as the Government of Canada proceeds with the implementation of the Oceans Protection Plan, which will build a world-leading marine safety regime, encourage responsible shipping, protect Canada's marine environment and offer new possibilities for Indigenous and coastal communities.

In congratulating you on the CBMU's first centenary, I would also like to take this opportunity to express my confidence that the CBMU will continue to influence marine policy development in Canada and make significant contributions to making Canada's marine transportation safer and more competitive through effective underwriting and loss-prevention practices for the next century. Together, we will ensure that Canada's trade is well served by a safe, efficient and effective marine transportation system that contributes to the continued prosperity of all Canadians.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc Garneau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the name.

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.  
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