

April 25, 2011

Governor Rick Snyder
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Governor Snyder:

Allow me first to congratulate you on your recent election. I am certain that you will govern with conscience and principle and I wish you well in this regard.

I am writing you today to officially and directly apprise you of the position the New Democratic Party of Canada (NDP) with respect to the bi-national project known as the New International Trade Crossing (NITC).

NDP support for a new international crossing connecting Windsor and Detroit is well documented and remains unequivocal. In fact, it was New Democrats who first championed the need for additional public border infrastructure for the region, and who have consistently supported the process.

I am sure that you are already aware that the NDP in the strongest possible terms supports this vital project as a result of the strong advocacy supporting the bi-national process from both Windsor New Democrat Members of Parliament—Brian Masse and Joe Comartin.

You may be aware that currently there is a Federal election in Canada. I want to assure you that whatever the outcome of this election on May 2nd that the NDP will continue to unwaveringly support the initiative for the new crossing. Moreover you can be assured that we will continue to support Canada's commitments with respect to advancing the NITC. New Democrats remain supportive of this project and will work diligently to ensure that Canada's next government prioritizes the NITC beyond partisan politics in order to guarantee its successful completion.

I look forward to our on-going collaboration in advancing the crucial project.

Sincerely,



Jack Layton
Leader, Canada's New Democrats