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The Honourable Julie Dabrusin
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Dear Minister Dabrusin,

In my October 2024 letter to your predecessor, I raised concerns about the federal government's decision to close Clear Lake to motorized watercraft last summer, which caused significant financial hardship for businesses and communities in the area. With the recent announcement of another closure to motorized watercraft, I write once again to express deep concern over the economic challenges this decision presents. The impact on businesses that rely on tourism, hospitality, and recreation is immediate and severe, threatening the overall vitality of the region.

Adding to our frustration is the lack of meaningful consultation with the business community prior to implementing these closures. Local businesses, which depend on Clear Lake's accessibility for their livelihoods, have not been adequately engaged in discussions or decision-making processes. Had there been sufficient dialogue, we believe more proactive solutions could have been explored to mitigate the financial impacts of this decision.

Clear Lake has long served as a vital economic engine, attracting visitors from across Canada and beyond. The decline in tourism due to these restrictions has resulted in substantial revenue losses, job reductions, and heightened uncertainty for many seasonal businesses. Without targeted federal assistance, recovery will be difficult, and the effects will reverberate across Manitoba's economy.

We urge the federal government to implement financial relief measures to support affected businesses during this challenging period. Timely action will not only safeguard livelihoods but also reinforce Manitoba's tourism sector for future generations. Additionally, we welcome further collaboration in ensuring the long-term ecological health of Clear Lake through continued investments in invasive species management and sustainable conservation practices.

We appreciate your leadership on this issue and look forward to the opportunity to discuss solutions that will protect both our environment and our economy. Thank you for your time and commitment to supporting Canadian communities and businesses. We look forward to your response and a constructive path forward.

Sincerely,



Jamie Moses
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