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Subject: **Proposal to establish new commercial anchorages off Gabriola Islands**

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Dear Mr. Luckham:

Thank you for providing me with a copy of your correspondence of June 21, 2016, to the Prime Minister regarding the proposal to establish new commercial anchorages off Gabriola Islands. Please accept my apology for the delay in replying.

As a trading nation, Canada needs a safe, secure, efficient and environmentally sustainable marine transportation system. This system includes anchorages that are inherent to efficient shipping and navigation. This requirement is particularly critical in the west coast to support ongoing increases in trade with Asia-Pacific countries.

As you may be aware, Transport Canada has embarked on the development of a long-term agenda for the future of transportation in Canada, which includes a particular emphasis on Canada's marine transportation system. The engagement of coastal communities in this process is vital. To that end, a dedicated website has been launched where every citizen and community group such as yours can submit their ideas. Comments can be submitted by visiting <http://www.letstalktransportation.ca/marine>.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport