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April 27, 2017

The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, PC MP  
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities  
House of Commons  
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Dear Minister Sohi:

I am contacting you on behalf of the Town of Minto, located in my riding of Perth—Wellington. The Town of Minto applied to the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure for assistance under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF).

The town submitted their application approximately six months ago. I understand the program requires successful applicants to complete all capital projects by March 2018. Due to the length of the construction season in Ontario, which is already well underway, it is becoming increasingly difficult for any municipality to meet this fast-approaching deadline.

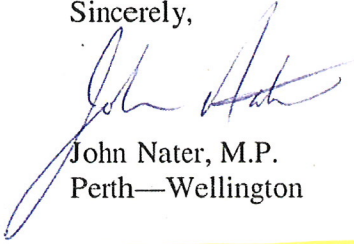
In September 2016, your government signed a bilateral agreement with the provinces on CWWF, and it was established that the federal government would provide up to 50 per cent of project funding. The Parliamentary Budget Officer has reported that there is currently \$860 million in funding under the CWWF, which has not been allocated by the Federal Government. I strongly encourage you to allocate this funding to the appropriate provincial authorities as soon as possible in order to ensure applications received from municipalities, such as the Town of Minto, move forward, and are processed by the province, as quickly as possible.

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There are significant infrastructure needs in rural Ontario and the slow pace at which the Federal Government is progressing with regard to funding, threatens the ability of many municipalities to complete much-needed projects within the required time frames.

I look forward to your response on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Nater", is written over the printed name.

John Nater, M.P.  
Perth—Wellington

c. The Town of Minto Council and CAO

c. Randy Pettapiece MPP for Perth—Wellington