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**Dear MP Fortier,**

I am contacting you today regarding Mr. Steven MacKinnon, MP for Gatineau, saying that he is continuing to advocate for another bridge span in the region to handle the increased traffic as the populations of both Ottawa and Gatineau grow.

The bridge has never been built because of strong and sustained opposition in the communities that would be affected.

Next time will be no different.

The Kettle Island corridor is heavily populated and would result in the most harmful negative impacts on the health, safety and the quality of life of impacted residents.

Through the work undertaken by the Manor Park Community Association, along with participation and leadership from neighbouring communities including; Rockcliffe Park, Lindenlea, New Edinburgh, Rockcliffe Mews/Carson Grove Residents Association and the Cardinal Glen Community Association, strong messages were developed pointing out the major flaws of the study, and making a strong case for a "no bridge" until these flaws were addressed.

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Some of the main arguments in support of "no bridge" include:

- None of the options remove the trucks from the congested streets of downtown Ottawa
- All options would degrade communities and National Capital Region assets
- We do not have an integrated transportation plan focused on Smart Growth principles that spans the entire National Capital Region
- The transportation study around which project conclusions will be based is fundamentally incomplete and flawed
- We have no legislated environmental protection
- The expense to complete the bridge is huge but the benefits, if any, are unclear. Our tax money should be spent on a high priority initiative with clear benefits - such as LRT.
- Health and safety concerns are of paramount importance and must be considered above all else.

I hope the Liberal government will seriously reconsider the discussion of an addition of a bridge span between Ottawa and Gatineau.

I am available to meet with you to discuss this letter. I am also sending this letter to MPP Nathalie Des Rosiers for her attention.

**Cordialement,**

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