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CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE

January 4, 2019

Terry Sheehan
Sault Ste. Marie MP
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Dear Terry:

Thank you for meeting with me on Friday, December 21st, 2018. I am following up with you, further to our meeting, to emphasize the importance of two of the matters we discussed: the national opioid epidemic and steel tariffs.

As I outlined when we met, I understand that municipalities have a role to play in working with and supporting our health care providers and front line workers but a municipality simply does not have the legislative mandate or the financial resources to address any type of health care crisis, much less one as significant and complex as the opioid epidemic.

It is imperative that the Federal and Provincial governments work together to ensure that the necessary institutional and financial resources are in place to assist people who require mental health, addiction or recovery support. The system, as it is currently constituted and funded, does not have the capacity to meet the need and it needs to be bolstered immediately. I recognize that we need to work together to address this challenge and I assure you that our municipality will be an active and productive partner.

With respect to the US steel tariffs on Canadian steel, it is imperative that the Federal Government find a resolution to this issue. Of all of the Canadian Steel producers, I believe that Algoma Steel Inc. is the most directly and adversely effected by the US tariff. We simply cannot wait for this matter to resolve itself and I suggest to you that we have to continue to be active participants in pushing, finding and working towards a resolution. As discussed when we met, I will do whatever I can in my capacity to assist and support your efforts since this is a matter of federal jurisdiction. I have attached my letter to the Canadian Ambassador to the US written with the same intention. In the meantime, I think it is important that you press Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister Freeland and Minister Bains to resolve this matter as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

Christian C. Provenzano, B.A., LL.B., LL.M

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January 3, 2019

David MacNaughton
Ambassador of Canada to the United States
501 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C., USA
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Dear Ambassador MacNaughton:

RE: Steel Tariffs

As I believe you are aware, Sault Ste. Marie is home to Algoma Steel Inc.

This community has proudly produced high quality steel for both the Canadian and US markets for decades and its product has become an integral part of the supply chain in both countries. The US tariffs on Canadian steel threaten the balanced and integrated steel trading relationship between Canada and the US and are negatively effecting companies on both sides of our border.

It is of the utmost importance that Canada find a resolution to this matter and I expect that you are working very hard to do so. I would like to assist your efforts in any appropriate or constructive way that I can and I am writing to offer my support accordingly.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this most important matter with you and will make myself available as soon as your schedule permits a telephone conversation. My office will be in touch accordingly.

Sincerely,

Christian C. Provenzano, B.A., LL.B., LL.M

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