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The Honourable David McGuinty
Minister of National Defence
Government of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister McGuinty:

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the Labrador North Chamber of Commerce (LNCC) located in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, we congratulate the Government of Canada on its recent release of *Canada's Defence Industrial Strategy* and offer our unwavering support for Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Goose Bay to support the implementation of several of the strategy's key pillars.

Since its creation in 1941, CFB Goose Bay continues to support a variety of important operations including both joint and combined training, and the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) operations. CFB Goose Bay is world renowned for its training facilities, adaptable infrastructure, and unique, northern and challenging training location. Its strategic location also allows for rapid deployment to the North Atlantic and Arctic.

More importantly, with the recent release of Canada's Defence Industrial Strategy, 5 Wing is strategically positioned to support Canada's national prosperity, economic security and Arctic sovereignty. As you are aware, CFB Goose Bay has been identified as one of four northern locations receiving infrastructure upgrades to enhance Arctic defense capabilities. With billions of dollars of additional defence investment identified, the LNCC and regional stakeholders will aim to clearly and consistently demonstrate 5 Wing's capability to adapt and expand to support the Government's increased defence activities.

We were pleased that the Strategy aims to maximize growth, job creation and economic benefits for Canadians, as well as the growth of defence revenues for small and medium-sized businesses by more than \$5.1B annually. Communities and businesses within Central Labrador have long supported operations at 5 Wing and are experienced and equipped to assist the Wing with an increase in defence activities and new opportunities.

For decades, the LNCC has offered its firm support for 5 Wing and recognizes its potential for further growth and development. Given the release of the strategy and national commitment to economic security and Arctic sovereignty, the LNCC is committed to meet



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with you to further showcase CFB Goose Bay's strategic alignment with your government's Defence Industrial Strategy.

To that end, in the coming months and with 5 Wing's support, the LNCC will soon convene a group of relevant stakeholders to not only identify key priority areas for the Wing as it relates to the strategy, but develop a plan to endorse and market CFB Goose Bay as a location of choice for the Government of Canada's implementation of several of the strategy's key pillars.

We also plan to soon visit Ottawa and look forward to requesting a meeting with you during our visit. We appreciate your consideration of this meeting and look forward to our future discussions.

Sincerely,

Andy Turnbull
Chairperson

Julianne Griffin
Chief Executive Officer