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Minister Anandasangaree, President O’Gorman, and Ambassador Hillman,

While we continue to wait for a response to our September 26, 2025, inquiry, we are disappointed to learn Canada will be ending the Remote Area Border Crossing (RABC) permit program. As you know, these permits are vital to Americans and Canadians who own property and operate small businesses along our shared border. However, we are encouraged to hear Canada is committed to ensuring access through a new, expanded telephone reporting process.

Unfortunately, the nearly two-year review of the RABC program has been marred by uncertainty and retracted statements. During this time, the Canadian government has been unable to respond to the questions permit holders have posed. The transition to a new remote area access program creates an opportunity for the Canada Border Services Agency to “...work closely with local stakeholders and Indigenous communities to identify and designate new telephone reporting sites.” Together, we can prioritize the security of our shared border while creating a fruitful environment for local economies in these unique regions. Thus, we invite you to visit these communities and engage with local elected officials, businesses, and property owners who are directly affected by this transition. Further, we ask you provide answers to the following questions:

1. What process will be followed to ensure the needs of relevant stakeholders, communities, and permit holders are addressed during and after this transition?
2. What procedures must current permit holders follow to access remote areas in Canada during this transition?
 - a. Once the transition is complete, how will border communities access remote areas in Canada?
3. Will the new remote access program involve an application process similar to the RABC program?

4. Will the Canadian government, in any way, limit the access of these communities during and after this transition?
5. How will the new remote access program prioritize the security of our shared border?
6. Will you commit to visiting the communities we represent to engage with our constituents and answer their many questions?

We appreciate Canada's willingness to share these remote areas. However, we are concerned about future access to lands and waters so closely connected with our rural economies along the border. We hope Canada will work with us and our constituents to ensure a secure and accessible border.

Sincerely,



Pete Stauber
Member of Congress



Kevin Cramer
United States Senator



Jack Bergman
Member of Congress

Cc: The Honorable Beth Richardson, Consulate General of Canada in Minneapolis.