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The Honourable Ron Schuler, M.L.A.  
Minister of Infrastructure  
Government of Manitoba  
Room 203  
Legislative Building  
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Dear Minister:

I am writing to you in regard to the recent announcement by Greyhound Canada that it will be discontinuing service on nearly all of its routes in western Canada and northern Ontario, effective October 31, 2018.

I recognize the importance and value of intercity mobility options, and that Greyhound's decision has the potential to have a significant impact on the lives of many Canadians, particularly vulnerable groups that lack access to private transportation. Of particular concern is the impact on those in rural and remote communities, including Indigenous women and girls, without other available public transport options. Some provincial colleagues have already reached out to me on this matter, and I recognize that this is a particularly important issue in those provinces and territories directly affected by the Greyhound actions.

As you know, the federal government's role with respect to the economic regulation of intercity bus travel was delegated to the provinces and territories under the federal *Motor Vehicle Transport Act* in 1954. Notwithstanding the fact that this issue lies outside federal responsibility, I recognize the value of working together to better understand the impact of these reductions as a first step.

The full scale of the impacts of the loss of Greyhound's presence in western Canada will depend on the speed and extent to which other entrants fill the market. I note that a number of operators have signaled an interest in serving some communities affected by Greyhound's service reduction.

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I understand that our respective deputy ministers are scheduled to discuss this at a meeting next week. As we collectively contemplate solutions to the challenges posed by the loss of Greyhound's services, I will be encouraging all stakeholders to consider how to best enable private-sector and local operators to serve our communities, especially where there are opportunities to leverage innovation.

I look forward to collaborating with you on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc Garneau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the name.

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Transport