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Dear Mr. Schole:

I am pleased to inform you that I have reviewed the recommendation from the Canadian Heritage Rivers Board with respect to the nomination of the North Saskatchewan River (Alberta) to the Canadian Heritage Rivers System.

As the North Saskatchewan River (Alberta) meets selection and integrity guidelines, I have approved its nomination to the Canadian Heritage Rivers System for further consideration in order to conserve and celebrate Canada's rich river heritage.

As the driving force behind the multi-year project to nominate the North Saskatchewan River (Alberta) to the Canadian Heritage Rivers System, Smoky Lake County has every reason to be proud.

I commend you and your partners for your dedication to promoting public appreciation, conservation, and wise use of this important river, and I offer my congratulations to the extended team of volunteers and community partners who have played such a key role in this accomplishment.

I wish to thank you personally for your leadership and passion for sharing the story of the river and its significance with all Canadians.

I look forward to seeing progress by Smoky Lake County on a designation document that further builds a shared vision and strategic direction for management of the river.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P. (il/lui/he/him)

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