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Environmental Registry of Ontario – Ontario Marine Transportation Strategy  
Ontario Marine Council Submission

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Sent by email: Katerina.Downard@ontario.ca

Dear Katerina,

I'm writing on behalf of the Ontario Marine Council to express our enthusiastic support for the Ontario Marine Transportation Strategy. As an organization committed to the sustainable development and management of Ontario's marine waterways and environment, we believe that this comprehensive strategy will play a pivotal role in fostering a robust environmentally responsible marine transportation system.

The Ontario Marine Council recognizes the importance of a well-designed and forward-thinking strategy to address the challenges and opportunities within the marine transportation sector. After careful consideration of the proposed strategy, we would like to highlight the following aspects that resonate with our organization's goals and objectives:

1. **Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship:** We commend the strategy's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship within the marine transportation sector. The integration of measures to reduce the environmental impact of shipping activities aligns with our member's interest in preserving and protect Ontario's marine ecosystems.
2. **Safety:** Ensuring the well-being of those involved in marine transportation and safeguarding the integrity of our waterways are shared priorities that we fully endorse.
3. **Innovation and Technology:** We appreciate the strategy's recognition of the role of innovation and technology in optimizing marine transportation operations. Embracing new technologies will not only enhance efficiency but also contribute to minimizing the ecological footprint of the industry.
4. **Collaboration and Stakeholder Engagement:** The strategy's commitment to collaboration and stakeholder engagement is commendable. Involving diverse stakeholders, including our organization, in the decision-making process will lead to more inclusive and effective outcomes for the marine transportation sector.

The Ontario Marine Council is fully committed to actively supporting the successful implementation of the Ontario Marine Transportation Strategy. We believe that the collaborative efforts outlined in this strategy will result in a resilient, efficient, and sustainable marine transportation system that benefits both the industry and the communities it serves.

Thank you for your dedication to advancing the marine transportation sector in Ontario, and we look forward to contributing to the realization of the goals outlined in this strategic initiative.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director  
Ontario Marine Council