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Dear Mr. Allen

As a resident of Niagara, I have known for some time of your ardent support for industry, in specific apprenticeships. As a career trades person, I know all too well the solid future that having a trade can bring. I also know that in order to have this bright future I need a job. Thank you for continuing to drive forward on this key issue.

However, it is with a great deal of concern that I write this letter to you asking you to continue and in fact accelerate your efforts to bring new ship building back to the Niagara area. Policies allowing overseas ship building at the rate and scale observed are simply wrong and deny young folks the opportunity to start apprenticeships. They also deny me a job in an industry that is green and would bring about economic recovery to my area at a rapid rate. The signed agreement with the European Free Trade Association will worsen the existing condition and rob potential work from our area to feed the needs of the east coast ship building wants. Our government is simply wrong in its past policies and this government is continuing this with total disregard for Canadians

Please contact me and tell me what things you are doing to support the new ship building industry and how I can support you in your efforts for Niagara