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Dear Minister,

I am writing to echo the recent calls by the Northern Ontario Border Working Group for the government to immediately end the following border requirements: random testing at land border crossings, vaccination of international travelers and the use of the ArriveCan app.

The tourism industry has been hit incredibly hard by COVID-19 and the continued government restrictions on travel. Tourism is a major industry in Northern Ontario and plays a key role in our local economy.

I have heard from many tourism operators and businesses that many of their clients will not return to Canada over the fear of random testing delaying their trip, and the added burden of using the ArriveCan app. Existing government restrictions are adding undue burden to these businesses, many of whom are struggling to make ends meet.

This season for many will make or break their ability to continue their operations. There is still time for the government to remove these restrictions and allow Northern Ontario's tourism industry to thrive once again.

Sincerely,

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