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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Letter of Support for Inter-Provincial Nomination of the North Saskatchewan River for the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS) from the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA)

Smoky Lake Regional Community Economic Development Committee (RCDC) that extends into other river neighbors and community partners along the North Saskatchewan River Watershed for support on inter-provincial nomination of the North Saskatchewan River for the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS).

Within the Smoky Lake Region, the River flows past the Victoria District National Historic Site, Victoria Settlement, the Former Fort White Earth (Edmonton House III), and Métis Crossing, a site of extreme cultural significance to the Métis homeland.

The Métis Nation of Alberta supports this nomination of the North Saskatchewan River as it is significant to Métis culture, other community partners and neighbors along the river. The nomination of both the Saskatchewan and North Saskatchewan Rivers will ensure the long-term management of these rivers and that this area, rich in cultural, natural and recreational value, are conserved and protected for the continuing benefits and enjoyment of Canadians and visitors to Canada. This nomination will also support the broader spirit of collaboration between our communities to continue to work together towards maintaining ecological integrity along this area, support river health and wellness, and promote local and regional economic growth.

Sincerely,

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