Petition to the Government of Canada

WHEREAS

- The LaSalle Causeway's Bascule Bridge was damaged during repair work in the spring of 2024, and key elements of the bridge structure were significantly damaged and unrepairable. The bridge needed to be demolished and removed entirely. This construction began in June 2025.
- A temporary modular bridge was installed to allow vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists to cross the causeway during the construction. The modular bridge must be removed and reinstalled periodically to also allow marine traffic to travel through the main navigation channel. The process to remove and reinstall the bridge takes about 6 hours total. Transport Canada approved a lift schedule that allows the bridge to be lifted, only on Sundays and certain holidays. Road closures begin at 6 a.m. and end at 10 p.m. on these days, and marine traffic runs from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Residents are concerned that the current lift schedule for the LaSalle Causeway creates major disruptions to the flow of people, goods, public transit, tourism, and emergency services. Road closures limit accessibility, causing delays for commuters and emergency responders, and reducing visitor traffic to local businesses. Parks Canada has reported a 10% decline in boating traffic since the closure, and the Rideau Heritage Route Tourism Association notes that in 2017, communities along the Rideau Canal contributed $309M to the local economy through tourism. With the recent drop in boat traffic, this economic contribution is expected to decline further, amplifying concerns about long-term impacts on local businesses and tourism. Many residents feel the schedule does not adequately balance marine traffic needs with the community's reliance on this vital transportation link.

We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to:

- Amend the lift schedule for the temporary modular bridge to allow for more frequent, regular, scheduled marine traffic to pass through, by May 1, 2026.
- Commit to having a final replacement bridge operational for May 1, 2027.

Signatures **(Please sign your name, do not print)**	**Addresses** **(city, province, postal code)**

We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to:

- Amend the lift schedule for the temporary modular bridge to allow for more frequent, regular, scheduled marine traffic to pass through, by May 1, 2026.
- Commit to having a final replacement bridge operational for May 1, 2027.

Signatures **(Please sign your name, do not print)**	**Addresses** **(city, province, postal code)**

We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to:

- Amend the lift schedule for the temporary modular bridge to allow for more frequent, regular, scheduled marine traffic to pass through, by May 1, 2026.
- Commit to having a final replacement bridge operational for May 1, 2027.

Signatures **(Please sign your name, do not print)**	**Addresses** **(city, province, postal code)**