Greetings from the Prime Minister

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to everyone involved in the trucking industry in Canada as we mark National Trucking Week 2014.

Our Government recognizes the critical role trucking plays in our transportation system, our economy and our trading relationship with the United States. It is astounding to consider that trucking helps to move 90 percent of consumer products in our country, generates more than $65 billion a year in revenue, and employs 400,000 people.

Our transportation system must be efficient for Canada to remain competitive in the global marketplace. To that end, our Government has established long-term initiatives, such as our gateway and trade corridor strategy, the federal long-term infrastructure plan, the Detroit River International Crossing and the joint Canada-U.S. Beyond the Border Action Plan.

As well as the economy, we are also focused on the safety and security of Canadians. To ensure the safety of our transportation system, we are working with provincial and territorial partners on priorities such as fatigue management and infrastructure issues. We have also harmonized regulations for identifying dangerous goods transported on Canadian roads and rails with the United States and United Nations rules.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I wish to thank our hardworking trucking professionals for their extraordinary efforts to serve Canadian businesses and communities throughout the year. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful week of events and great success in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Prime Minister of Canada