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Dear Dr. Blewitt:

On behalf of both Natural Resources Canada and the International Association of Geodesy's Sub-Commission 1.3c (Regional Reference Frames for North America), I am pleased to offer our continued support of the collaborative development of a Stable North American Reference Frame (SNARF) together with the UNAVCO SNARF Working Group.

We believe such a reference frame will form the foundation for the evolution from the current North American Datum of 1983 and fully expect it to eventually become a new standard for geospatial positioning needs throughout North America.

My colleagues and I at NRCan plan to continue our collaboration with the SNARF Working Group to implement and further improve this reference frame over the next few years. Although our contributions are subject to the availability of our own resources and operational requirements, we full expect to meet this commitment given the great fundamental importance of this new reference frame.

We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

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