

Petition to the House of Commons in support of VIA Rail

We, the undersigned residents of Canada, draw the attention of the House to the following:

- THAT since 2011 the Government of Canada has made deep cuts to VIA Rail;
- THAT VIA Rail, as a result of these cuts and due to a lack of railway maintenance, has ended passenger rail service on its Matapédia-Gaspé route;
- THAT VIA Rail is vitally important to the communities in the Gaspé Peninsula, and that cutting service, stations and staff impacts tourism and economic development in the region;
- THAT the Orléans Express bus service has been reduced in the region;
- THAT the Government of Quebec announced on March 2, 2015, its intention to acquire the rail line between Matapédia and Gaspé;
- THAT Quebec Transport Minister Robert Poëti announced that the route between Caplan and Percé would remain dormant;

THEREFORE your petitioners call upon Parliament to participate in the repairs of the railways and the full return of VIA Rail service to the Matapédia-Gaspé route.

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