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Mr. Larry Graham  
Chair  
Ottawa River Heritage Designation Committee  
P.O. Box 1062  
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Dear Mr. Graham:

I am pleased to inform you that I have approved the designation of the Ottawa River to the Canadian Heritage Rivers System.

As the driving force behind the multi-year project to nominate and designate the Ottawa River to the Canadian Heritage Rivers System, the Ottawa River Heritage Designation Committee has every reason to be proud.

I commend you and the Committee for your dedication to promoting public appreciation, conservation and wise use of this important waterway, and I offer my congratulations to the extended team of volunteers and community partners who played such a key role in this accomplishment.

Finally, I wish to thank you personally for your leadership and passion for sharing the story of the river and its significance with all Canadians.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C McKenna'.

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

