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To the International Geological Congress Committee:

## RE: Letter of support for the 2028 International Geological Congress

Thank you to your team for reaching out with respect to seeking the Committee of Provincial and Territorial Geologists (CPTG) support for the Canadian bid to host the 38th International Geological Congress in 2028.

The Committee of Provincial and Territorial Geologists (CPTG) is the organization of senior executives of Canadian provincial and territorial geological surveys or equivalent agencies. CPTG works closely with the Geological Survey of Canada to capitalize on our complementary mandates.

As CPTG co-chair, I thank you for your continuing updates regarding the Canadian bid for the 38<sup>th</sup> International Geologic Congress (IGC) 2028. On the behalf of all members of the CPTG, it is my pleasure to provide this letter in support of this bid.

The CPTG recognizes the value of hosting the IGC in Canada as an additional support for advancing the importance of Geoscience throughout all provinces and territories. Canada is the second largest country in the world by area, and geologically one of the oldest regions in the world. Its mineral resources are diverse and extensive. Hosting the 2028 IGC in Canada would provide an opportunity to showcase an incredible geological landscape.

The CPTG fully supports the bid of the IGC 2028 Local Organizing Committee and enthusiastically convey our best wishes for the success of this application. We look forward to hearing the outcome of this process and wish you the very best in this undertaking.

Sincerely,

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