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Dr. John Ludden and Dr. Dhiraj Banerjee  
Co-Chairs, International Geological Congress Committee  
c/o Secretariat, 37th International Geological Congress  
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Dear Dr. Ludden and Dr. Banerjee:

As the Director of International Programs at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) it is my pleasure to provide this letter of USGS support for the proposal from Canada to hold the 38<sup>th</sup> International Geological Congress in Calgary from 12-20 August, 2028. By this letter, the USGS strongly endorses the Canadian bid.

The USGS will be pleased to support the 2028 Congress, including promoting it, encouraging our staff to participate within available budgets, and assisting our colleagues in Canada in developing the program. USGS Scientists typically chair sessions, teach workshops, and guide fieldtrips at the IGC. I am confident that we also can work cooperatively with our sister U.S. Agencies, as well as take advantage of our strong relationship with the Geological Survey of Canada, to offer a variety of interesting field trips in the United States in support of the proposed theme "Geosciences for Humanity".

The USGS strongly endorses the Canadian bid, and the USGS looks forward to working with the IGC 2028 Calgary team in supporting this important and engaging meeting.

Sincerely,

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