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Dear Colleague: 

Thank you for your letter of July 24, 2003, regarding the concerns expressed by your constituent Mr. Michael Sullivan about the proposed high-speed rail link between Lester B. Pearson International Airport (LBPIA) and Union Station. I apologize for the delay in responding.

Please be assured that the federal government is committed to helping address the congestion problems around LBPIA and throughout the GTA. It has demonstrated this by making strategic investments in key transportation facilities and public transit services, such as the recent announcement of \$385 million for GO Transit. As Transport Canada's key priorities are safety and security, you will be pleased to learn that some of these funds will be used to construct grade separations or overpasses along the Canadian National Railway Weston subdivision, also known as GO Transit's Georgetown Corridor, which is the route to be taken by the air-rail link. These overpasses will have sidewalks to ensure that pedestrians can safely cross over the rail tracks. It is expected that no level crossings will remain along the air-rail link corridor once it is in service.

I trust that my comments will be helpful in responding to your constituent. Again, thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. David M. Collenette, P.C., M.P.

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