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Re. GO Transit Georgetown/Weston S/D Corridor Expansion Environmental Assessment (EA)

Dear Minister:

I am writing with regard to the GO Transit expansion and the proposed Air Rail Link about which I have written to you previously, you will find attached a letter from the former Minister of Transport to a member of the Weston community to which I will refer. Minister Collenette in his letter stated that $385 million has been committed to GO Transit by the Government of Canada along with similar investments from the Province of Ontario and the City of Toronto. This money, it was clear, was for GO Transit expansion and improvements and was not specifically tied to the development of the Air Rail Link.

It has come to my attention that suggestions have been raised in the past couple of weeks that the Federal funding for GO Transit improvements is contingent on the approval of the S.N.C. Lavalin Air Rail Link. Minister, I would request that you inform myself and the community whether or not this is indeed the case? I would submit that it would be unfortunate if progressive investments of public money in public transit were undermined by the success or failure of a public private partnership infrastructure initiative. It should be clear that whatever improvement s GO Transit needs to move forward with today will serve the infrastructure needs of the City of Toronto and the residents of Weston in the future, and the Government of Canada must ensure that this future is not compromised.

Thank-you for taking the time to consider this request and I would ask for a response at your earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

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