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Honourable Jean Lapierre, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport
Place de Ville
330 Sparks St
29th Floor, Tower C
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5

Dear Minister Lapierre,

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

As you know there has been increasing concern and inquiry into the 'harmonization' of the Federal and Provincial Environmental Assessments. On the behalf of Mr. Mike Sullivan who represents the Weston Community Coalition, I am writing to you to request clarification on the particulars of this initiative.

1. Does the Environmental Assessment that is replacing the "reduced class environmental assessment as per GO Transit's initial plans" now function as a comprehensive study or panel review?
2. As a "comprehensive study or panel review" does it carry with it "participant funding" that will allow for interested parties to be able to fully engage with the experts so as to be a participant in the process?

The members of my community are actively involved with this issue and request that the Government take serious consideration of their position. You will find attached Mr. Sullivan's correspondence to my office for your information. Please respond to Mr. Sullivan at your earliest possible convenience and copy my office on the response. Mr. Sullivan's address is 72 Church Street, Toronto, ON M9N 1N3.

I appreciate your time, consideration and answers to these inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

Alan Tonks, M.P.
York South-Weston

Copy. The Honourable Stephane Dion, P.C., M.P.
Mr. Mike Sullivan, Weston Community Coalition

