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Premier Dalton McGuinty  
Legislative Building  
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier McGuinty

I am writing to you in support of the position taken by the Weston Community Coalition (WCC), that the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the proposed Union Station to Pearson International Airport is seriously flawed.

Further to the case made in correspondence provided to you by the WCC, I would like to emphasize that all alternatives presented should be evaluated equally, particularly that criteria which considers the added value to the public transportation system; with GO Transit, the TTC, or both.

From my read of the ToR, as presented, the evaluation does not include a "best value for tax dollars" consideration when comparing the service improvements to an integrated public transportation system as opposed to the "stand alone" air rail link.

The whole community wishes to see improved public transit to Pearson International Airport. They do not believe however that the proposed air rail link will accomplish this without huge public subsidy. I share their concern, that without a comprehensive and comparative analysis, the private proposal to use a public right of way (the CN/CP Weston Subdivision Rail Corridor) will result in a significant loss of opportunity for the highest and most effective public use of that corridor.

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Thank you Premier for taking the time to consider this correspondences, and I do hope that the Province will reject the Terms of Reference as presented. I would humbly suggest that as a matter of transportation policy, the access to Pearson issue should be referred to your, Greater Toronto Transportation Authority for consideration as part of an integrated transportation plan for the Greater Toronto Area.

Best Wishes,



Alan Tonks, M.P.  
York South Weston

*With Warmest Regards*

- CC: Hon. Laurel Broten, Minister of the Environment
- CC: Councillor Frances Nunziata, City of Toronto
- CC: Mayor David Miller, City of Toronto
- CC: Mr. Mike Sullivan, Weston Community Coalition