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Dear Chair Kolb:

I would like to thank you and your delegation for meeting with my Parliamentary Assistant during the OGRA/ROMA Conference.

I appreciate the work that Peel Region is doing on goods movement as the region plays a vital role in Ontario's multimodal transportation system for goods movement. Your Goods Movement Task Force is a valuable forum for bringing together governments and stakeholders. I also appreciate the region's participation in our long combination vehicle program. I look forward to continuing to work with you on these and other important initiatives.

The existing Highway 427 plays an important role in efficiently moving goods and people throughout the Greater Toronto Area. As you know, environmental approval for extending Highway 427 from Regional Road 7 to Major Mackenzie Drive was obtained in November 2010. While the Highway 427 Extension is not part of the ministry's current five-year construction plan, it is identified as a "Planning for the Future" project in the ministry's Southern Highways Program for 2010-2014. Each year the ministry carefully plans for and re-examines our highway programs and project priorities across the province. Further consideration may be given to the timing of this project pending available funds.

While I appreciate the Region of Peel's desire to further extend Highway 427 to Highway 9 to meet longer-term needs, we have no plans to do so at this time. The current proposed extension of Highway 427 from Regional Road 7 to Major Mackenzie Drive supports the growth objectives and policies set out in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. In addition, the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment (EA) may identify connections between the proposed Highway 427 terminus at Major Mackenzie Drive and a potential GTA West facility. The need and alternatives for such connections are subject to the GTA West Corridor EA Study that is currently underway.

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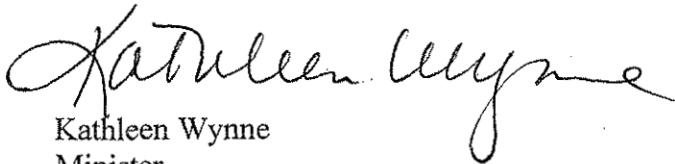
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Thank you again for meeting with my Parliamentary Assistant. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Wynne". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Kathleen Wynne
Minister

c: Amrit Mangat, Parliamentary Assistant