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Mr. Emil V. Kolb
Regional Chair
The Regional Municipality of Peel
Suite A
10 Peel Centre Drive
Brampton, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Kolb:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence addressed to the Prime Minister regarding railway safety and the transportation of dangerous goods through Canadian communities.

Please be assured that the views expressed in the resolution approved by Peel Regional Council have been noted and will receive due consideration from the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport, who has already received a copy of your correspondence.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

M. Bourque
Executive Correspondence Officer

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Office of the Chair

December 10, 2013

Resolution No. 2013-1107

The Honourable Stephen Harper
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa ON, K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Harper:

Subject: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) National Municipal Rail Safety Working Group

I am writing to advise that Peel Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on November 28, 2013:

Resolution 2013-1107:

Whereas, the Region of Peel has many rail systems coexisting with its commercial, residential, agricultural and industrial communities;

And whereas, first responders should have all available information about rail cargo to provide for their own safety and that of the communities they serve;

And whereas, rail safety is a matter for all communities across Canada;

And whereas, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) National Municipal Rail Safety Working Group has produced communiqué endorsing three key principles of rail safety, including the following areas:

1. Equip and support municipal first responders to rail emergencies;
2. Ensure federal and industry policies and regulations address the rail safety concerns of municipalities; and
3. Prevent downloading of rail safety and emergency response costs to local taxpayers.

Therefore be it resolved, that the FCM National Municipal Rail Safety "Working Group communiqué" be endorsed and the FCM call on the Federal Government to provide municipalities with adequate information on the dangerous goods that are being transported through their communities, be supported;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada; the Federal Minister of Transport; Members of Parliament representing the Region of Peel; and FCM for consideration.

Yours truly,



Emil Kolb
Regional Chair

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Also sent to: The Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport
The Honourable Bal Gosal, Bramalea-Gore-Malton
Ms. Eve Adams, Mississauga-Brampton South
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