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Dear Dr. Correa, Ms. Mastrodicasa, and Ms. Bacchin:

Thank you for your March 9, 2011 letter to the Minister of the Environment about your concerns with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) 407 Transitway in the Regional Municipality of York (Project). I am pleased to reply on behalf of the Minister.

I understand from your letter that you are concerned that the Project as proposed will result in environmental impacts that have not been addressed by the MTO in the Environmental Project Report (EPR). While I appreciate your position, the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) is confident that the transit project can be constructed and operated in a manner that is protective of the environment.



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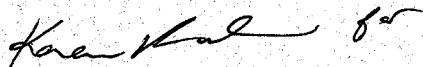
MOE staff and government agencies, including the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), reviewed the draft and final EPR. The MOE and the TRCA raised issues concerning potential environmental effects. The MTO updated the final EPR to address the issues raised and committed to appropriate mitigation measures. I understand that the TRCA has advised that it does not have any outstanding concerns or issues with the Project. The MOE is satisfied that all issues raised by the government agencies have been addressed in the final EPR or will be addressed through the proponent's commitments to ongoing consultation with the stakeholders.

I encourage you to continue to work directly with the MTO and to stay involved in the MTO's public consultation process during the detail design stage.

I suggest you to continue to bring your concerns directly to the attention of Mr. Robb Minnes or Mr. George Ivanoff of the MTO who should respond to issues or concerns raised during this stage. Mr. Minnes can be reached at 416-235-5481 or by e-mail at robb.minnes@ontario.ca and Mr. Ivanoff can be reached at 416-235-5548 or by e-mail at george.ivanoff@ontario.ca.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of this ministry.

Yours sincerely,



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