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Mr. Todd Letts  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Brampton Board of Trade  
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Dear Mr. Letts:

Thank you for your letter in support of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) West project. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

There is a strong case for moving forward with the GTA West corridor. By 2051, the population of the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) is expected to grow to almost 15 million people, representing approximately seven million jobs. Without more transportation infrastructure, Ontario drivers can expect to experience even worse gridlock. The major highways in York and Peel Regions are all forecasted to be operating over capacity by 2031, even with significant investments in transit. MTO's traffic modelling data shows that by the year 2041, the level of congestion in the GGH will be about double what it is today.

The GTA West highway and transitway is vital transportation infrastructure that will address transportation needs in York, Peel, and Halton regions. Motorists and trucks that travel the entire GTA West highway in rush hours will save approximately 30 minutes (not 30 seconds) compared to travelling on Highway 401 and Highway 400.

I appreciate your support of this important project that will enable a significantly more efficient movement of people and goods in Ontario.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caroline Mulroney".

Caroline Mulroney  
Minister of Transportation.