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OPEN LETTER

ONTARIO TRANSIT FUNDING: KEEP THE PROMISE!

We, the undersigned, urge the Ontario government to keep its promise to increase public transit funding.

A strong transit system is vital for many reasons. It improves air quality, helps us tackle climate change and allows us to reduce traffic congestion. One estimate puts the cost of congestion in the GTHA alone at \$11 billion.¹

The government's *Plan For The People* says that, with respect to GO and Regional Transit Projects, it will "maintain current funding as detailed in Ontario's previous transportation and infrastructure budget."² In May, campaign spokespeople promised that the provincial government would honour the planned increase to local transit funding by 2022.³

A growing number of underserved municipalities across Ontario rely on public transit funding from the province to connect our communities.

For the sake of all Ontarians, we urge the government to keep this vital promise and publicly reiterate its commitment to increase transit funding.

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Delta Management Group

Windmill Development Group

John Ruffolo, Board Member, David Suzuki Foundation

Asthma Canada

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

The Lung Association – Ontario

The Pembina Institute

Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment

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¹ C.D. Howe Institute. <https://www.cdhowe.org/media-release/true-costs-congestion-underestimated-canada's-cities>

² *Plan For The People*. https://www.ontariopc.ca/plan_for_the_people.

³ *CBC News*. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ford-gas-prices-fuel-tax-1.4665386>.

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