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Attention: Bruce McCuaig, President and CEO

Dear Sir:

**Support for Shining Water Railway**

Transport Action Ontario is a non-profit advocacy group dedicated to promoting sustainable public transportation and freight movement. Our mandate includes expansion and improvement of public transportation and goods movement by rail and intermodal transportation, including the protection of abandoned rail lines.

We understand that Shining Waters Railway is spearheading a plan to restore passenger and improved freight service from Toronto to Peterborough and Havelock. Part of the Shining Waters concept is to rehabilitate the Havelock Subdivision to FRA Class 4 standards in order to operate passenger trains at 80mph speeds and freight trains at 60mph speeds.

The intention is to provide commuter passenger service between Havelock/Peterborough to Markham and Toronto with an endpoint at Dupont Station. Shining Waters Railway will use the CPR Belleville and North Toronto subdivisions to interchange with GTHA rapid transit services at the future Sheppard LRT, current GO Stouffville line, future Eglinton LRT and current TTC Summerhill and Dupont subway stations. Thus this route will not add further to weekday peak period congestion at Union Station.

Transport Action Ontario strongly supports the efforts of Shining Waters Railway to restore passenger rail service between these points and provide the travelling public with options while reducing highway congestion and reviving the rail lines which were once so important in Canada.

Yours truly,

*Peter Miasek*

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President