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Dear Premier Wynne,

## Congratulations and Next Steps on Transportation Funding

We would like to extend our congratulations to you for your victory in the recent provincial election. One of the most pressing issues raised during the election was how to address worsening gridlock in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).

We are writing to request a meeting with you, to share our perspective and offer our support in building public and political will to improve the prosperity of our region and residents, by investing in a better regional transportation network.

As you know, Move the GTHA is a non-partisan collaboration of a core group of 13 civic-minded organizations and additional supporter organizations that value your strong commitment to improving public transit and active transportation in the GTHA. The core group includes: CodeRedTO, David Suzuki Foundation, Evergreen CityWorks, the Greater Toronto CivicAction Alliance, the Pembina Institute, the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario, Toronto Atmospheric Fund, Toronto Centre for Active Transportation, Toronto Public Health and Transport Action Ontario.

On June 12, residents of the GTHA demonstrated their broad support for a mandate that includes your commitments to increased funding for public transportation and active transportation options. Building on that broad support, we welcome the opportunity to work with you to realize the Province's transportation commitments, including:

- Immediate service improvements: In particular, it is urgent to immediately advance upgrades to transit services and active transportation infrastructure. This will build public confidence that many beneficial transportation improvements can be made within a reasonable timeframe.
- New sources of dedicated transportation funding: Move the GTHA continues to call for increased new public investment that is dedicated, efficient, transparent and accountable, regional, fair and sustainable. We would like to see the government expand on the foundation laid down in

the budget by introducing additional new revenue tools for transportation investment as soon as possible, in order to ensure sufficient operating and capital funds and tackle our region's congestion challenge.

Over the next year, Move the GTHA will continue to engage in public outreach on this issue, using opportunities like the CivicAction pledge signed by elected officials and the tele-town hall discussion we hosted with you earlier this year where more than 20,000 people shared concerns about transportation and their desire to see new investment.

We look forward to a small group of Move the GTHA representatives meeting with you at your earliest available opportunity, to discuss these actions in more detail and to support your government's efforts to fund and build a transportation network that serves all of the people of the GTHA.

Sincerely,

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