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Hon. Marc Garneau  
Transport Canada  
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Dear Minister Garneau,

We the undersigned, are the Mayor and City Councillors who represent residents in the City of Toronto whose neighbourhoods border the CP rail line through the heart of our city.

Rail accidents in Lac-Mégantic, Northern Ontario, along with several across the United States in recent years have demonstrated the risks associated with derailments.




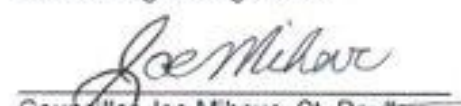
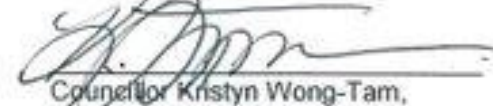

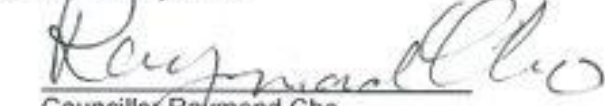



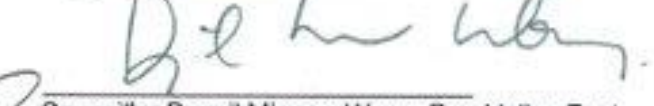
That's why we are working together, along with Residents' Associations and community safety groups such as Safe Rail Communities and Rail Safety First, to advocate for rail safety for our neighbourhoods. Toronto residents are concerned about the significant increase of trains carrying crude oil, from 500 carloads to an estimated 140,000 in 2013. A significant number of these potentially hazardous freight trains are using the Canadian Pacific line that runs through some of Toronto's most densely populated areas from the Junction along Dupont Street, right across Midtown, and east to Scarborough.

While we appreciate the measures announced on April 23, 2014 by Transport Canada and, most recently, the Key Train Rules published in February 2016, we remain concerned about the transportation of dangerous goods by rail through our city. There are still more measures needed to help ensure the safety of our residents, including:

- Promoting better communication between the rail industry and local communities, particularly as contemplated by the Key Train Rules;
- Overhauling the Railway Safety Management System Regulations, 2015 and its oversight to better protect the public interest;
- Accelerating the removal of all DOT-111 and CPC-1232 tank cars that do not meet the new safety standards, as 2025 is too long to wait for full implementation;
- Examining the economic, environmental and safety impacts of requiring the implementation of modern safety technologies and procedures to reduce risk and, pending their implementation, reducing the speed of rail through urban areas;
- Examining alternative routes for transporting dangerous goods that currently pass through areas with high population densities as recommended in the Canada Transportation Act Review, and;
- Revising the current liability/insurance regime to place the full cost of derailments on shippers and carriers and to ensure the timely payment of compensation to victims in the unfortunate event of another accident.

While we appreciate steps taken by the government to improve rail safety, we request that the Government of Canada take further action to protect Toronto's residents.

Sincerely,

  
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