



Hon. Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation
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Dear Minister Mulroney:

Every day, streetcar operators and transit riders see drivers refusing to stop behind open streetcar doors. This behaviour continues, even though it is an offence under section 166 of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act for a driver not to stop at least two metres behind a transit vehicle.

This practice has real consequences for transit users. From 2014 to 2016, the TTC found that 26 individuals were struck by either a car or bicycle while boarding or exiting a streetcar. Just last week, an individual exiting the 511 Bathurst streetcar was hit by the driver of dump truck who failed to stop behind the streetcar's open doors.

We need better enforcement and real consequences for drivers that put the lives of transit riders at risk. That's why we are requesting that your Ministry work with the Toronto Transit Commission to allow safety cameras on streetcars to monitor and ticket drivers that speed past open streetcar doors.

Earlier this year, the Ontario Government promised to facilitate the use of safety cameras on school buses to better identify and penalize drivers who fail to stop beside a parked school bus. I am now calling on you to introduce legislative and regulatory amendments that would permit the same enforcement measures for streetcar cameras. We have heard from transit riders, safety organizations, and streetcar operators that using these cameras will help to keep everyone safe.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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