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Hon. Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation
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Dear Minister Mulroney,

I am writing to you because of an issue with Metrolinx's Davenport Diamond construction project that has been negatively impacting the lives of members of my community, particularly those living in the Junction Triangle neighbourhood.

Throughout the different phases of construction, there have been complaints from the community about the level of noise that construction has generated. Recently, however, there has been an increase in these complaints, owing to the fact that the construction schedule now runs from 7AM to 3AM, six days a week, and that oftentimes the work being done at night involves noisy caisson drilling. This schedule is currently set to continue until July.

Constituents have been raising this issue in the monthly Community Liaison Committee meetings, in local Facebook groups and over email with me, but Metrolinx insists that the construction is within the legal limit of 70 dBs. Indeed, in a recent Community Liaison Committee meeting, a representative for Metrolinx claimed that this should not be louder than passing traffic. I can assure you, however, that this has not been the experience of my constituents, who have been having their sleep disturbed and who are now noticing "an uptick in loud, late night noise" - as one constituent put it - and having their sleep disturbed six nights per week.

Metrolinx has said they will look into noise mitigation, but overnight work, six days per week until July is a serious disruption to the community. Adding to the disruption is that fact that this is occurring during a stay at home order related to the pandemic, where many people are working from home and unable to get away from this construction noise. I believe that the noise level coming from the construction of the Davenport Diamond is having an unreasonable negative impact on the lives of members of this community, and **I would like to see assurances from both the Ministry for Transportation and Metrolinx that steps will be taken to lower the noise level.** Some possible solutions would be to **reduce the number of overnight construction dates scheduled,** or to **impose a significantly reduced noise limit for overnight construction on this project.**

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter,

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Member of Provincial Parliament for Davenport

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