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Hon. Caroline Mulroney Minister of Transportation 5th Floor, 777 Bay Street Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Z8

Dear Minister Mulroney,

I am writing to you to follow up on the letter that I sent to you on February 25th regarding Metrolinx's Davenport Diamond construction project, and the disruption that overnight caisson drilling is causing here in my riding of Davenport.

The letter noted that while there have always been complaints about the noise generated by the construction of the Davenport Diamond, these complaints have increased significantly, owing to the fact that the construction schedule now runs from 7AM to 3AM, six days a week. Since that letter, there have been even more complaints about noise levels late at night, and most of the new complaints are from constituents who have not contacted my office about this issue before.

Constituents are writing to my office to report "continuous" and "unbearable" noise from overnight construction. Some sleep with earplugs or in closets, but say that even that does not help and tell me that they have lost the ability to function at work because of lack of sleep.

Apart from just the disruption to sleep and the disruption to those working from home, with warm weather coming residents in the vicinity of the construction likely won't even be able to leave their windows open until Metrolinx's 20 hour construction days wrap up in July (assuming, even, that everything goes according to schedule).

Minister, this is an urgent issue. This construction is having a completely unreasonable negative impact on the lives of my constituents. In addition to the questions I raised in the last letter about reducing noise levels, or limiting the number of overnight construction days, I would also like to ask that your Ministry look into stopping construction at the Davenport Diamond at 11PM every night.

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

Marit Stiles

Member of Provincial Parliament for Davenport

cc: Phil Verster,

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