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Kapuskasing, July 16, 2020

Hon. Caroline Mulroney,  
Minister of Transportation  
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## **RE: Kapuskasing DriveTest Centre and Delays in Mushkegowuk-James Bay**

Minister Mulroney,

I am writing to follow up on your reply of July 15, 2020 to my query on the Kapuskasing/Hearst DriveTest Centre of June 24, 2020.

Allow me to begin by saying that your letter simply does not offer a direct and concrete response to the concerns of Mushkegowuk-James Bay constituents.

Most critically, your response DOES NOT address:

- The concerns of young constituents in rural and remote areas, where public transit is unavailable. In my letter, I mentioned the example of Ms. Émilie Bourgelas, who desperately needs to obtain her G2 so as to commute to work. Ms. Bourgelas works full time in order to save up money to pursue her career goal of becoming a lawyer;
- The fact that the Kapuskasing DriveTest has been historically understaffed;
- That Mushkegowuk-James Bay constituents unable to meet the restricted hours in Kapuskasing and Hearst would have to travel long distances to be served elsewhere; and
- My meeting request.

You do mention, however, your reasons to cut down the service hours in Kapuskasing and Hearst. As you wrote, “The operational decision to modify the hours of service was made by DriveTest to **right-size service based on historical volumes experienced at those locations**” (emphasis is my own addition).

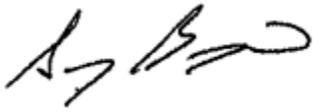
Cutting down the hours of the **only** DriveTest centre in a remote area of the province is alarming and shocking. Even more disheartening is that your letter underscores a quantitative rationale that plainly disregards the contextual situation of the Highway 11 corridor, where residents have no other option but to rely on motor vehicles to travel to work, school, medical appointments or to visit their loved ones.

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I am thus asking you to reconsider the opening hours reduction imposed on the Kapuskasing and Hearst DriveTest centres and to offer concrete solutions to young constituents to who need to obtain their G2 license NOW.

Thank you for your time. I anxiously await your response.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Bourgouin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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CC: MPP Jennifer French, Official Opposition Critic for Highways and Transportation