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His Worship Roy Avis
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Avis:

We are writing to notify you of consultations related to the intercity bus regulatory regime in Ontario. We would welcome your input and hope that you will be able to participate.

The 2016 Ontario Budget, *Jobs for Today and Tomorrow*, included a commitment to consult with industry and municipalities on options to enable new and innovative choices for intercity passenger travel. This is part of a broader government commitment to consult on the sharing economy to help determine the best approach for Ontario moving forward.

As part of the intercity bus consultation, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) posted a discussion paper on the Environmental Registry on June 23rd outlining our proposed path forward for modernizing the intercity bus regulatory regime. This paper builds on the feedback we received in fall 2015 from municipalities, industry and the public on an initial Environmental Registry posting. The posting and discussion paper can be found at the following link: <http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTI4ODg0&statusId=MTk0ODk1>.

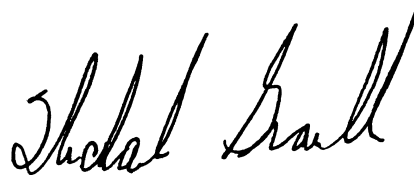
We want to hear directly from as many people as possible, as the intercity bus industry plays a critical role in Ontario's transportation system. MTO staff will also present the discussion paper to industry and municipal stakeholders at key conferences and meetings across the province this summer. The sessions will bring together municipal leaders, industry operators, social and health service providers, and other interested parties. Further information on these events will be provided at the following link as details get finalized: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/transit/intercity-bus-proposal.shtml>.

We encourage you to provide your input on this important initiative, and we look forward to receiving your comments on the proposal.

Sincerely,



Steven Del Duca
Minister of Transportation



Michael Gravelle
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