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## York South-Weston

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The Honourable Steven Del Duca  
Minister of Transportation  
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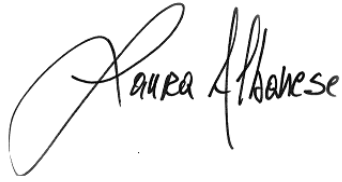
Dear Minister Del Duca,

As you are aware, the electrification of the Union Pearson Express and the GO Transit Kitchener Line is an issue of significant importance for my constituents in York South-Weston. You may recall that in a letter addressed to me in August 2012, Bruce McCuaig, President and CEO of Metrolinx, indicated that assuming that approvals and funding were in place, electrification of the Air Rail Link, now UP Express, could begin as early as 2017. I was pleased that the electrification of the Georgetown South/Kitchener GO line and the UP Express was identified in the 2014 Ontario Budget, as a priority project eligible for funding under the province's \$29 billion Moving Ontario Forward fund. This rail corridor runs through York South-Weston, and the residents of my riding are grateful that electrification has been recognized as a priority.

I'm writing to you today to request that you provide more details regarding your ministry's plans for the electrification of the UP Express and the Kitchener GO Line, and an updated timeline for the completion of these projects. Last week, I was pleased to learn that all of the necessary environmental assessments for the electrification of this rail corridor have been completed. This is great news for my constituents in York South-Weston, and I'm very pleased that we've passed such an important milestone.

Great work has been completed so far, and it's crucial that we maintain positive progress. That's why I'm requesting that you provide a timeline for the electrification of the UP Express and Kitchener GO line. I understand that MPP Martins is also writing to you on this very important issue. I want to thank you for your support of electrification since you became Minister of Transportation. I look forward to working with you to ensure that this project is completed as rapidly as possible.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Albanese". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Albanese".

Laura Albanese  
M.P.P. York South-Weston

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