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Dear Ms. Green and Mr. Ogilvie:

Between May 12, 2017 and May 27, 2017, I received four Part II Order requests asking that the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the proposed Highway 417 Carling Avenue East-East On-Ramp (Project).

I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I have decided that an individual environmental assessment is not required. This decision was made after giving careful consideration to the issues raised in the requests, the Project documentation, the provisions of the MTO Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (Class Environmental Assessment), and other relevant matters required to be considered under subsection 16(4) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The reasons for my decision may be found in the attached table. In the interest of transparency, I encourage you to make this letter available to the greater public on MTO's website.

With this decision having been made, MTO can now proceed with the Project. MTO must ensure the Project is implemented in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the Project documentation, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, commitments and environmental and other provisions therein.

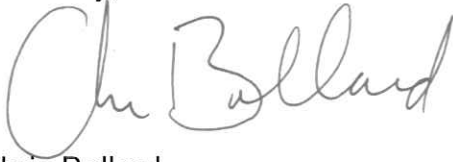
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Lastly, I would like to ensure that MTO understands that failure to comply with the act, the provisions of the Class Environmental Assessment, and failure to implement the

Project in the manner described in the planning documents, are contraventions of the act and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the act.

I am confident that MTO recognizes the importance and value of the act and will ensure that its requirements and those of the Class Environmental Assessment are satisfied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Ballard". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Chris Ballard
Minister

Attachment

c: Requesters

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