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Hello,

Please accept my email in response to Agenda Item 14.1 since I cannot attend or delegate in person.

I feel like the Minister's response didn't really address what Peel Region is asking for - he provided a general response that the Province is willing to work with the Municipality. Those are empty words and it is concerning that there isn't any concern for resident outcry. The time for real action & real change is NOW.

Here are some of my concerns followed by ideas on how the MTO and Region of Peel can collaborate:

1. **Unregulated Trucking Schools and Poor Training:** Many trucking schools in Ontario, especially around Brampton, have been criticized for focusing more on helping students pass exams rather than providing real-world safety training. Some of these schools operate without proper accreditation, leading to an influx of poorly trained drivers on the roads. This poses a major safety risk, as insufficient training can lead to more accidents.
2. **Fraudulent Licensing:** There have been reports of fraudulent trucking licenses being issued through bribery and rigged tests, which allows unqualified individuals to get on the road. This further compromises road safety and puts both truck drivers and the public at risk.
3. **Unsafe Trucking Practices:** Some trucking companies prioritize cost-cutting over safety, with reports of trucks being sent on long hauls with broken parts and without necessary repairs. Drivers have been forced to make dangerous trips, putting themselves and others in harm's way. This is often combined with wage theft and exploitation, especially of international students and new immigrants working as truck drivers.

The Region of Peel and the Ministry of Transportation could collaborate in several ways to address these issues:

- **Stricter Oversight and Regulation:** The Ministry could enforce more stringent regulations on trucking schools and crack down on fraudulent licensing practices. Only accredited schools with proper training programs should be allowed to operate, and licenses should only be granted after thorough, fair testing.

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- **Enhanced Enforcement of Safety Standards:** Joint initiatives could involve stricter roadside inspections of trucks to ensure they meet safety standards. The region could also increase the penalties for companies that force drivers to operate unsafe vehicles or violate working conditions.
- **Driver Training Programs:** The Peel Region could partner with the Ministry to subsidize better training programs for young drivers or international workers, ensuring they receive the necessary skills to operate trucks safely on the roads.

By addressing these concerns, the Peel Region and the Ministry of Transportation can work together to improve road safety, reduce accidents, and ensure that only well-trained and qualified drivers are on the roads.

All the best,

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"Be so good they can't ignore you" - Steve Martin

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