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Hello,

Although I cannot make the upcoming meeting in person, I am supporting those who will, by emailing council.

Here are the issues I see:

- Unregulated Trucking Schools: Many trucking schools in the region prioritize passing exams over real-world safety training, resulting in an influx of poorly trained drivers on our roads.

- Fraudulent Licensing: There are troubling reports of fraudulent licenses being issued, allowing unqualified drivers to operate heavy trucks, putting all of us at risk.

- Unsafe Trucking Practices: Some trucking companies cut corners on safety, sending out trucks with broken parts and forcing drivers into dangerous situations. This must be stopped.

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.

- 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.

How are we combating all of this?!

Thank you  
Rita Salvatore

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