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Good morning,

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- > From my understanding, I would like to bring to your attention the following information and the importance of having these matters taken seriously and dealt with.
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- > - Unregulated Trucking Schools: From our understanding, 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.
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- > - Fraudulent Licensing: There are troubling reports of fraudulent licenses being issued, allowing unqualified drivers to operate heavy trucks, putting all of us at risk.
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- > - 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.
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- > - Trucking Land Use: There are numerous trucking industries using the land immediately surround Bolton for trucking container storage, truck parking, etc. They seem to be able to clear land (green space), and commence operation almost overnight. This is an environmental hazard and presents very dangerous situations as the trucks are coming in and out of the lands. We have narrow roads, absolutely no infrastructure and the drivers have absolutely no consideration. The Ministry of Transportation, as well as the Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Environmental Hazard should be taking a very close look at these operations and shutting them down.
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- > 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.
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 - > - 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.
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 - > Your immediate attention to these matters would be greatly appreciated and these circumstances are escalating by the day and we are all very concerned for our lives. Living in the Bolton has become a hazard and a risk to our lives. Bolton was a town we were all very proud to be a part of and it's very unfortunate that the

residents have to face these circumstances. We have fought hard for years in hopes someone would hear us so we didn't come to the situation we are now all facing, and only getting worse if something is not done. How many more lives have to be taken before this situation is handled.

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> A very concerned resident, Thank you.

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