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Hon. Mitzie Hunter M.P.P.
Minister of Education
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Dear Mitzie,

I am writing today with respect to the upcoming 2017 Ontario Budget.

Now we are all familiar with the past investments Ontario has made in Toronto, but I'm writing to you urgently today to draw your attention to the investments that need to be made in the near future to ensure the prosperity of the city and the province.

The federal government's 2017 budget has created a tremendous opportunity for the province to step forward with matching infrastructure funds to support Toronto City Council's priorities.

As Ontario's capital city and one of the largest and most urban cities in North America, there is no question that the needs of the City of Toronto are unlike any other in the region. In order to continue to prosper, the City of Toronto needs the province to once again join us as a full partner in cost-sharing major infrastructure investments going forward.

Coming to the table with matching funds will stretch taxpayers' dollars further and ensure that much-needed projects, like the Relief Line, are up and running before Toronto transit hits a crucial tipping point for congestion in 2031.

Without a strong tri-lateral partnership on the Relief Line and each and every one of the projects listed below, we cannot expect they will be able to move forward in the timely manner that they are desperately needed. Many provinces in the country recognize the need for this tri-lateral partnership, and have announced they will match federal dollars in their budgets.

We are grateful for past support the City has received from the Province on transit and housing, but these files are too important to ever let standstill.

Here is a list of priority projects from Toronto City Council that would benefit from provincial funds matching federal contributions:

SmartTrack (including Eglinton West LRT)	\$3.72 billion
Relief Line	\$6.80 billion
Eglinton East LRT	\$1.58 - \$1.67 billion
Waterfront Transit Network	\$1.50 billion
TCH Capital Renewal (federal and provincial share)	\$1.7 billion
Maintain existing levels of funding and reinvest savings from expiring Social Housing Agreements	\$1.4 billion
Affordable Rental Housing	\$1.5 billion
Affordable Ownership Housing	\$200 million
Moss Park Redevelopment	\$125 million
George Street Revitalization	\$562 million
Port Lands Flood Protection	\$1.25 billion
F. G. Gardiner Expressway Rehabilitation	\$3.60 billion

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

I look forward to a positive provincial budget, and one that will provide the City of Toronto with the support it needs.

Sincerely,



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