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Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria
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Subject: Reinstating the Lakeshore–Midtown Line in Metrolinx’s Business Model

Dear Minister Sarkaria,
I am writing to commend the recent progress on improving transit options across the Greater Toronto Area and to highlight an opportunity that could further enhance regional connectivity and efficiency.

The cancellation of the proposed **Lakeshore–Midtown Line**, which would have connected Oakville through Mississauga, Midtown Toronto, and Scarborough before terminating in Oshawa, represents a significant gap in our transit network. This corridor would have provided a vital east-west link, reducing congestion on existing lines and offering residents and commuters a faster, more direct route across the GTA.

Reinstating this line within Metrolinx’s business model would:

- **Advance RTP Goals:** The 2041 RTP calls for improved regional connectivity and new rapid transit corridors to address future growth. This line directly supports those priorities.
- **Reduce Congestion:** By providing an alternative to the heavily used Lakeshore East and West corridors, the line would alleviate pressure on existing infrastructure.
- **Support Economic Development:** Enhanced connectivity between employment hubs and residential communities fosters economic resilience and competitiveness.
- **Promote Sustainability:** Expanding transit options encourages mode shift from personal vehicles to public transit, reducing emissions and supporting Ontario’s climate objectives.

I would welcome the opportunity for the City of Toronto to work collaboratively with your office and Metrolinx to explore the feasibility of reintroducing this project. Together, we can ensure that our transit infrastructure meets the growing needs of the GTA and positions Ontario as a leader in efficient, forward-thinking transportation planning.

Thank you for your continued commitment to improving transit for all Ontarians. I look forward to your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

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