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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letter dated March 29, 2007, regarding the City of Hamilton and the Southern Ontario Gateway Council. I am pleased to respond.

I appreciate your efforts to develop Hamilton’s strategic value as a multimodal hub that is well-positioned to make a positive impact on the southern Ontario transportation system. The Economic Development Strategy, goods movement industry intelligence, and actionable ideas under development sound very promising.

I welcome your support of the Southern Ontario Gateway Council. Federal Minister Lawrence Cannon and I serve as council honorary co-chairs. As the council executes its mandate to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of transportation of goods and people throughout southern Ontario, Hamilton must play an important role. Please continue your good work. All Ontarians and Canadians can only benefit from an improved transportation system in southern Ontario.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Donna Cansfield
Minister

cc: The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities