December 12, 2013

Ms. E. Joan Field
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Dear Ms. Field:

RE: Transportation of Hazardous Materials by Rail through Dundas, Ontario

Thank you for sharing your perspectives regarding the transportation of hazardous materials, by rail, through the Town of Dundas, Ontario. You raise some reasonable concerns, and by copy of this letter to the City of Hamilton Clerks Department, I am asking that your letter be placed on the next agenda of City Council.

In this fashion the appropriate staff at the City may consider your concerns. The City of Hamilton has established significant perspectives and recommendations respecting the transportation of petroleum products through the Enbridge Line 9 proposal, and will no doubt wish to give consideration to your concerns.

Sincerely,

Brian McHattie
Chair

cc: City Clerks
Councillor Russ Powers
December 5, 2013

Office of the Prime Minister
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To The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada:

Re: Transportation of hazardous materials by rail through Dundas, Ontario

As a lifelong resident of the Dundas area, I have deep concerns about the transportation of hazardous materials including highly explosive petroleum products, by rail, through the town of Dundas, Ontario.

From my home in Dundas, I can see up to ten trains per day crawling up and down the steep Niagara escarpment. These trains can have as many as 20 tanker cars attached, their age, condition and contents in question.

The picturesque town of Dundas lies in the valley below the train tracks, home to 25,000 Canadians. Below that, the natural treasure of the Cootes Paradise wetlands feed directly into Lake Ontario. The citizens of Dundas and their town are vulnerable to the same horrific fate experienced by the people of Lac Mégantic. A spill or runaway train in Dundas would take a terrible toll in human life and result in contamination of vital water systems.

I implore you to implement the following measures immediately to protect your citizens and our precious natural environment:

1. Ban all rail transit of hazardous materials through populated areas.

2. Enforce existing regulations through thorough inspections of tankers.

3. Review existing regulations and revise those regulations to make paramount the safety of the population and the protection of the environment.

I believe that this matter requires your urgent attention.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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