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Dear Professor Pietersma:


Thank you for the letters you provided to me recently regarding the Air-Rail Link through the Georgetown corridor.

The Weston community has raised a number of important concerns regarding the Air-Rail Link such as the securing of road access and a need for a stop in Weston, and other issues, all of which must be addressed through the upcoming community consultations. The process has also identified that an Environmental Assessment must and will be conducted. There is ample opportunity for these issues to be raised through this process.

Your letter also states that there is confusion over my position on the AirRail Link. I am somewhat surprised by this but will reiterate the statements I have made publicly and to the media on this issue. I support a rail link between Pearson and Union Station. I support a stop in Weston and a stop at Dundas West station so the important link between the Bloor Subway and the Bloor Go Station can be completed. I do not support cutting off the commercial area of Weston Road from its residential base. I supported the Eglinton subway, which would have ultimately provided access to the airport by subway, and I supported the proposal made by GO Transit to operate this service, a proposal that was not selected by the Federal Government.

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I also feel the need to remind you that this project was initiated by the Federal Government under former Prime Minister Jean Chretien. If you have serious concerns about any aspects of the RFP, the Environmental Assessment process or ancillary agreements affecting this project, you would be well advised to raise them directly with the Minister of Transportation, Infrastructure and Communities, The Honourable Lawrence Cannon. I am sure your local M.P., Mr. Alan Tonks, will aid you in facilitating these discussions.

I know that you have had discussions on this matter with my staff and other members of the Weston community. My staff have advised you on numerous occasions that I believe important community concerns need to be addressed.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours truly,

Mayor David Miller City of Toronto