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Olivia Chow
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Chow,

I am writing to you about the importance of standing up for Ontario workers as a critical consideration during the procurement of the 55 new subway trains for TTC's Line 2, which our government is supporting with a \$758 million investment.

As President Trump's tariffs, and the economic uncertainty they have created take aim at Ontario's economy, our government is doing everything in its power to support and protect Ontario workers and businesses. This includes leveraging our tens of billions of dollars in annual provincial procurement spending to support made-in-Ontario goods and products.

Our government was proud to sign the Ontario-Toronto New Deal, matching federal funding to deliver 55 new subway trains for TTC's Line 2 and ensure the safety and reliability of Canada's largest subway network. As we advance this important initiative to reach our shared goal of improving the TTC's transit capacity and investing in new, world-class transit infrastructure, I am requesting that the City of Toronto recognize this historic opportunity and consider a sole-source procurement with Alstom, which would support Ontario workers in Thunder Bay and across our province. The Ontario government will work with the city and the federal government to ensure the successful delivery of the trains should this decision lead to any changes in the project scope.

Our government remains focused on supporting our manufacturers and ensuring they remain globally competitive while maintaining robust and vibrant domestic production both now and in the long term. That's why we have already provided \$11 billion in relief and support for workers and businesses as we work to protect them from economic uncertainty and the impact of U.S. tariffs.

I look forward to continuing to engage with the City of Toronto and the TTC in the coming months on this procurement and the opportunity it presents to support Ontario workers by building made-in-Ontario trains.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that curves upwards at the end.

Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation

- c. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
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