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## MPP, OSHAWA

Hon. Steven Del Duca  
Ministry of Transportation  
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Dear Minister Del Duca,

Durham Region is plagued by traffic congestion. As our roadways become more crowded, residents look to alternate means of transportation such as public transit or cycling to avoid continued headaches caused by gridlock.

Though your government is quick to encourage cycling as a form of exercise or alternative transportation, the ongoing construction of the 407 ETR East and associated roadways in Durham Region has not been entirely inclusive of cyclists.

Through recent correspondence, the Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC) has informed my office that the plans for the bridges being built over the 407, 412 and 418 highways in Durham Region do not include paved shoulders for cyclists. As noted by the DRCC, this would force cyclists to share the roadway, causing unnecessary danger for cyclists and drivers alike.

I understand that the DRCC has reached out to your office directly as well in regards to this matter. I ask that you work with the members of this organization and all stakeholders to ensure that the safety of our shared road space remains a top priority.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer French".

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