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The Hon. Steven Del Duca
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
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Dear Minister,

This Spring marked five years since I originally wrote then-Minister of Transportation Bob Chiarelli to ask that the province take significant steps toward addressing traffic safety concerns for the increasing number of roundabouts in Waterloo Region and throughout Ontario.

Since that first correspondence, despite introducing three private members bills specifically calling for the establishment of definitive roundabout rules in the *Highway Traffic Act*, and writing numerous letters to numerous Ministers – including yourself – we continue to wait.

In spite of Bill 65 *the Safe Roundabouts Act, 2015* passing second reading debate, the ensuing delay in establishing roundabout rules – due to the bill “dying” on the order paper when the Legislature prorogued – has only furthered the ongoing concerns and confusion faced by motorists, pedestrians and cyclists alike.

Given that I have since reintroduced the *Safe Roundabouts Act* as Bill 72, and that roundabout safety concerns continue to grow, I ask you to take the opportunity to again review my bill and consider its direction for consultation and regulations to establish consistent rules for roundabouts across the province.

The fact is, as the occurrence of roundabouts across Ontario continues to increase, so too do questions over safety and concerns over consistency of rules for drivers and pedestrians navigating their way through – and across – these traffic circles.

Further, statistics indicating that the Homer Watson Boulevard and Block Line Road roundabout has become the intersection with the highest number of vehicle collisions in Waterloo Region – 494 collisions between 2012 and 2016 – have only increased the urgency of our call for action in my area communities.

With nearly 40 roundabouts in Waterloo Region (please find map attached) and many more municipalities opting for roundabouts across Ontario, it's the provincial government's responsibility to govern and direct how drivers maneuver through them under the *Highway Traffic Act*.

I look forward to your attention to this provincial responsibility and your action to help ensure the safety of Ontario drivers and pedestrians alike.

Sincerely,

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cc. Waterloo Region Council