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The Honourable Steven Del Duca Minister of Transportation Unit 3 5100 Rutherford Road Woodbridge, Ontario L4H 2J2

Dear Minister Del Duca:

I am writing today to urgently request your support regarding Bill 171, Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Waste Collection Vehicles and Snow Plows), 2016.

The Council of the Township of Carlow/Mayo considers this Bill to be an important initiative that will save lives and ensure that workers whose jobs take place in roadways are made safer.

The following quotation from the Milestones Magazine highlights the concerns in our municipality:

"For many of these workers, their workplace is a vehicle and the edge of the road where there is increased risk from careless and distracted drivers and rear end collisions. The increased risk, resultant injuries and fatalities that are associated with this kind of work are a problem across North America. This Bill would bring Ontario in line with other jurisdictions that have already protected similar workers." OGRA MILESTONES Spring/Summer 2016

We strongly agree with the above quoted statement as our operators have been involved in motor vehicle accidents due to the inattention and distraction of the public.

Our operators should be treated the same as the O.P.P., EMS and Fire because we also provide essential service to the public.

Yours truly,

Bonnie Adams Reeve of the Township of Carlow/Mayo

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