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Dear Ministers:

The City of Greater Sudbury is experiencing prosperity and rapid growth due to the robust performance of the mining industry. In particular, Valley East, the northern portion of the city, has seen record levels of new affordable residential construction. This has resulted in increased traffic volumes on Municipal Road 80, the only road linking Valley East to the city.

Notably, a 1999 transportation study commissioned by the City, determined Municipal Road 80 was operating at capacity during peak traffic hours when the population was actually declining.

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Many Valley East residents believe the extension of Barrydowne Road to Notre Dame in Hanmer is necessary to provide a secondary route to the city. This would alleviate severe traffic congestion and heavy truck traffic from the mines.

In addition, the Barrydowne extension would not only improve highway safety for Sudbury residents, but would also improve the efficiency of public transit in the affected areas. Further, adding dedicated bicycle lanes to this road extension would help facilitate both access and safety by assisting residents who wish to cycle.

Constituents from my riding are contacting my office requesting the provincial government increase funding to the City in order to make the Barrydowne Road extension a reality. Increased funding would allow the City of Greater Sudbury to combine the Barrydowne Extension with the Maley Drive Extension, already planned, achieving an economy of scale and, most importantly, creating safe, reliable, and healthy transportation options for Sudbury residents.

I hope you will seriously consider this request and I look forward in hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "France Gélinas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "France" being more prominent and the last name "Gélinas" following in a similar style.

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