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Dear Premier McGuinty:

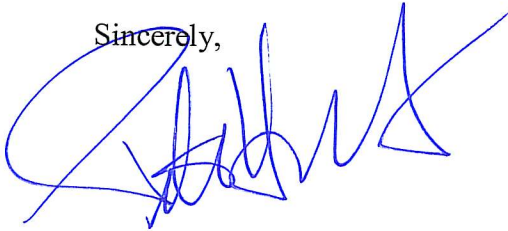
The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce has supported this Province's role as a key partner in the bi-national process for a long-term solution for the Windsor-Detroit Border crossing, including plans for a tentative new access road and bridge across the Detroit River. The Chamber continues to support the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) study in moving the process forward and in its collaboration with the State of Michigan and other U.S. authorities.

Over the past several months, this Chamber of Commerce has received considerable new information on alternative road design elements submitted to the DRIC study group by the City of Windsor through its GreenLink proposal. Furthermore, this Chamber has examined the tentative plans suggested by DRIC. We express our sincerest hope that DRIC would be able to incorporate the best practices found in the Greenlink plan for its unique design and sensitivity to the wants and desires of the community. The City of Windsor obtained full support for its plan from the County of Essex Council. It is evident that this local support for the Greenlink plan is a legitimate expression of the desire of our border communities to improve the quality of life in our region while creating a gateway that is inviting to both businesses and commuters alike.

The future success of our region and the Province depends on the free flow of trade and people across this critical border crossing. Every day, over 42,000 commuters, tourists and truck drivers carrying \$323 million worth of goods cross the Windsor-Detroit border. Surely this critical trade route requires the necessary attention and investment in infrastructure that will tell the world that Ontario is indeed open for business.

The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce urges strong collaboration of all levels of government regarding the design of the new access road under consideration. Most importantly, the business community desires a quick and expedient conclusion to the DRIC process. The Border is the most important business challenge facing our region. Your leadership on this issue is paramount for our region's success. This Chamber of Commerce will gladly provide any guidance and assistance in moving this process forward.

Sincerely,



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