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OPEN LETTER TO PROVINCIAL PARTY LEADERS TO DEBATE INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT PLAN

A broad consortium of organizations with members that build, design, manage and own the vast majority of Ontario's infrastructure, transportation networks and transit systems has issued an open letter to the leaders of Ontario's four main political parties calling on them to hold a debate to elaborate on their infrastructure, transportation and transit plans. OGRA was a signatory along with:

- Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS);
- Municipal Engineers Association (MEA);
- Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA);
- Ontario Public Transit Association (OPTA);
- Ontario Road Builders' Association (ORBA);
- Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO);
- Transport Futures; and
- Water Environment Association of Ontario (WEAO).

The signatories to this letter believe that there are significant economic and social benefits that will result from infrastructure investment and proper asset management. If the province is to improve its productivity and provide people with the tools needed to be competitive in the 21st century, a comprehensive long-term plan is required. A debate between the party leaders offers the best opportunity for Ontarians to assess each party's plan.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Scott Butler, OGRA's Manager of Policy and Research at 289-291-6472 ext 24 or scott@ogra.org.

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What an election is for.

Dear Leaders:

The June 12 election is a vitally important opportunity for Ontarians to participate in the management of their government. This is a democratic process that goes to the very heart of what it means to be an Ontarian, of what it means to be a Canadian.

Whether in Moosenee or Wheatley, Cornwall or Kenora or the corner of Bay and King, Ontarians are eager to assess your candidates and your ideas.

In particular, Ontarians want to understand how a government led by you would act on the infrastructure, transportation and transit files.

Ontarians know that there are significant economic and social benefits that result from infrastructure investment and proper asset management. If the province is to improve its productivity and provide people with the tools needed to be competitive in the 21st century, a comprehensive long-term plan is required.

We, the undersigned, are calling on you to hold an all-party leaders debate dedicated to elaborating on your plans and visions for infrastructure, transportation and transit in Ontario.

Please show the people of Ontario that time spent debating important issues is indeed time well spent

Sincerely,

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