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The Honourable Jim Bradley
Minister of Transportation
Queen's Park
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Dear Mr. Bradley;

I am writing to request a meeting with you regarding safety concerns we face in the Trucking Sector. As the National Director for Teamsters Canada Freight & Tank Haul Division, it is my responsibility to assist in finding remedies with all safety concerns that would affect our members. Teamsters Canada has representatives sitting on several "Boards" and "Committees" across the country. For some reason, we were not included in your discussions regarding the Speed Limiter Bill which just came into effect on January 1, 2009.

Teamsters Canada is on record with your Senior Policy Advisor as being opposed to this law. We applaud the government for its attempt to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the savings on fuel costs for the trucking companies, however, not at the expense of safety. I read articles where the government quotes that this Bill will also reduce accidents on our highways which, in our opinion, is not accurate.

I understand that you had the Ontario Trucking Association at the table which represents their member companies. They do not represent the drivers out on the road every day, as we do at Teamsters Canada. As a matter of fact, we represent thousands of truck drivers across the country, not to mention those numbers are magnified more so in the USA, which the International Brotherhood of Teamsters represents. In light of the current recession both Canada and the USA are experiencing right now, we should be making it easier to keep the freight flow through the borders with our largest trading partner South of the border without the drivers entering into Ontario & Quebec having to have speed limiters reset at 105 kph at a cost and another reset on the way back out at another cost. We should all be working in harmony, not just with our friends in the USA but also the rest of the provinces. This new Bill will cause a lot of friction between the USA and other provinces. What happens if they too put in a speed limiter law that would affect our drivers? This is not good for the industry. This should have been discussed with all other affected areas Federally and internationally.



I have a few other major concerns regarding safety and would respectfully ask you for some time to address these. There would be myself and Mr. Phil Benson, also from Teamsters Canada.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours truly,

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