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Her Worship, Mayor Annette Groves  
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Dear Mayor Annette Groves:

Thank you for meeting with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) at this year's Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference. I was pleased to connect with your delegation to discuss transportation-related matters important to you and your community.

I understand that the growing issue of illegal land use, particularly the unauthorized parking and storage of tractor-trailers and other commercial vehicles, is a significant concern for Caledon and many neighboring municipalities. As you rightly pointed out, these activities can cause long-term environmental and infrastructure damage, pose risks to public safety, and disrupt residential communities.

To address this, I am pleased to inform you that I have directed MTO to explore a range of enforcement measures, including targeted blitzes, to curb illegal trucking operations. These enforcement blitzes will be designed to identify and address non-compliant operations, ensuring that commercial activities adhere to provincial regulations and do not negatively impact communities.

In addition, recent changes to Ontario's Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration (CVOR) system have introduced mandatory educational courses and knowledge tests for new applicants, alongside stricter monitoring and penalties for operators with poor safety records. These measures are aimed at raising accountability and making it more difficult for non-compliant operators to remain in the system, ensuring safer and more responsible commercial vehicle operations.

We are also in the process of developing a comprehensive, ministry-led initiative focused on legal and sustainable trucking operations, including truck parking. This initiative will prioritize enhanced oversight, provide clearer regulatory frameworks, and support compliance through both enforcement and education. We are committed to ensuring that trucking operations contribute to Ontario's economy while minimizing their adverse effects on local infrastructure and communities.

Our teams will work closely with local authorities, including Caledon, to ensure this initiative addresses your concerns and is responsive to the specific challenges faced by your municipality. We will also explore ways to support municipalities in enhancing their own enforcement capabilities.

Thank you for bringing this issue to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke that curves upwards at the end.

Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria  
Minister of Transportation