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Bonnie Lysyk
Auditor General of Ontario
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Dear Ms. Lysyk:

I am writing today following media reports that Minister Mulroney met with Highway 407 management on April 19, 2021 to discuss the forgiveness of penalties for failing to meet contractual obligations. On behalf of the Ontario Liberal Caucus and all Ontarians, I am formally requesting an investigation into this meeting.

The Ford Government claims to be using every tool at its disposal to address gridlock, yet reports have exposed that the Minister didn't even request the lowering of tolls in exchange for the nearly \$1 billion in forgiveness from penalties. It is clear that the Ford Government has made no effort to negotiate on behalf of the people of Ontario and the consequence is more gridlock, and nearly a billion dollars in immediate costs.

Further, experts have highlighted that Highway 407 lowering or eliminating its tolls would provide the same relief from gridlock as Highway 413 might when it is completed. Failing to even attempt negotiations for the lowering of tolls on Highway 407 could, in turn, cost Ontarians an additional \$10 billion as the Premier continues forcing through Highway 413.

I look forward to your response.

Yours very truly,

Stephen Blais
Member of Provincial Parliament
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