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Transportation Partners at the HEART of the Community

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Hon. Laurel Broten Minister of Education Mowat Block, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Dear Minister Broten:

Over the past month, members of the Independent School Bus Operators Association (ISBOA) have been meeting with their local transportation consortia managers, who have conveyed to them the following summary of the task force report:

- The report uncovered nothing new. It is business as usual;
- RFPs are a freight train that can't be stopped" and that no new learnings came from the task force process.

This, as you know, is not the view of Task Force Chair Coulter Osborne, and is a misrepresentation of the current situation in which we all find ourselves.

These impressions are unfortunate, since the task force process did in fact uncover new information that expanded the understanding of competitive procurement options to RFPs. For this reason, ISBOA is requesting that you immediately release Mr. Osborne's Task Force report and allow all stakeholders to interpret the findings for themselves, in support of local decision-making with respect to procurement policy for student transportation.

Thank you in advance for granting this request.

Yours truly,

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Executive Director

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cc. Steve Hull, President, ISBOA Task Force Representatives

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