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Ministry of Transportation  
87 William Hearst Avenue  
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To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: Regulatory Proposal 16-MTO014 Mandatory Entry-Level Training for Commercial Truck Drivers**

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is Canada's largest voluntary general farm organization, representing more than 36,000 family farm businesses across Ontario. These farm businesses form the backbone of our robust food system and rural communities with the potential to drive the Ontario economy forward.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture supports the proposal requiring mandatory entry-level training for commercial truck drivers. We see this step as enhancing the skill and knowledge of new entrants, thereby improving overall road safety for all Ontarians. OFA does, however, have concerns with the reference to the current approximate cost of \$8000 for non-mandatory training. On the surface, it appears high, and could exclude some from pursuing a career as a commercial truck driver. We trust that once operational, mandatory entry-level training for commercial truck drivers will not prove as costly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don McCabe'.

Don McCabe  
President

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cc: Hon. Steven Del Duca; Minister of Transportation  
Hon. Jeff Leal; Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
Ontario Trucking Association  
OFA Board of Directors