[Provincial Candidate Name]  
[Provincial Party]

Subject: Support for the Expansion of Highway 17 in Renfrew County

Dear [Provincial Candidate Name],

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of the County of Renfrew to express my strong support for the expansion of Highway 17. This critical transportation corridor is essential for economic development, public safety, and improved connectivity in our region, yet its current state presents significant challenges that must be addressed.

Highway 17 serves as a vital link between Eastern and Northern Ontario, facilitating the movement of goods, services, and people. However, the existing two-lane configuration is increasingly inadequate to handle current traffic volumes, leading to congestion, increased collision risks, and delayed emergency response times. The need for a four-lane expansion is more pressing than ever to enhance road safety and accommodate the growing demands of businesses, residents, and visitors.

Expanding Highway 17 will bring numerous benefits to our community, including:

* **Enhanced Road Safety**: A four-lane highway would reduce head-on collisions and improve overall traffic flow, decreasing the number of accidents caused by congestion and unsafe passing conditions.
* **Economic Growth**: Improved infrastructure attracts investment, supports local businesses, and strengthens supply chain efficiency for industries that rely on reliable transportation routes.
* **Emergency Response Efficiency**: A wider highway would enable faster and more reliable response times for emergency vehicles, potentially saving lives in critical situations.
* **Increased Tourism and Mobility**: A modernized highway will encourage tourism by making travel to and from the region more accessible and convenient.

Given the strategic importance of Highway 17, I urge you to advocate for prioritizing its expansion in Ontario’s transportation planning and funding allocations. Investing in this project will provide long-term benefits for our local communities and the province as a whole.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to improving transportation infrastructure in the County of Renfrew and Ontario.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]  
[Your Address]  
[Your Email]  
[Your Phone Number]