



The Honorable Johnathan Wilkinson
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario,
K1A 0A6

RE: Metrolinx Ontario Line

March 9, 2021

Dear Minister Wilkinson,

The ABC Residents Association is a volunteer organization committed to enhancing the quality of life in our neighbourhood through active participation in municipal issues. We serve the residents living in Toronto's Yorkville / North Midtown community between Yonge Street west to Avenue Road and Bloor Street north to the CPR tracks.

The Ontario Line is critically needed infrastructure in this city, and we are supportive of the addition of public transit to alleviate congestion at the Bloor-Yonge interchange. We also recognize the need to better connect communities like Thorncliffe Park, currently underserved by mass transit.

That said, we believe it is critically important to acknowledge that at present, the line, as proposed, plans to run above ground through one of the most vibrant communities in the city (Leslieville) and may have significant impact on that neighbourhood. Therefore, we support the call for all necessary environmental assessments and due diligence practices, including a robust community consultation process.

Sincerely,

John Caliendo
Ian Carmichael
ABCRA Co-Chairs

CC: Save Jimmie Simpson & Lakeshore East Community Advisory Committee
The Right Honourable Chrystia Freeland
Councillor Mike Layton