

To The Attention Of Environment Critic Of The Official Opposition David McGuinty, MP:

Dear David McGuinty,

As an active environmentalist, (please feel free to do a Google Search on me), I am concerned about Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion's announcement that if elected his government would grant tax breaks to truckers. Given that railways are much more energy efficient, less polluting and less carbon emitting shouldn't they be given even a bigger tax break?

The publicly financed highway system has encouraged sprawl, destruction of natural spaces and the abandonment of many strategic railway lines such as the Canada Southern in SW Ontario and part of the Doney Spur in Montreal's West Island. Canada should follow the lead of Western Europe, Japan and other countries and rebuild its rail network given Peak Oil, Climate Change, and Urban Sprawl.

Yours Sincerely,

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