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Ministry of Transportation  
Carrier Safety Policy Office  
Carrier Safety and Enforcement Branch  
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**Re: Response to Proposed Amendments to Regulation 629 as Posted on Service Ontario  
Regulatory Registry**

The transit industry is pleased to provide the following commentary with respect to the proposed amendments to Regulation 629 as posted on the Service Ontario Regulatory Registry.

As the Ministry is aware, the public transit industry in Ontario has been involved in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) standard development process from the onset. The basis for this participation is the desire of the industry to ensure that regulatory requirements adopted as part of the AODA be achievable and sustainable, and do not place in jeopardy the considerable gains the industry has made to date with respect to accessibility.

During the previous Regulatory Registry posting, the transit industry made submissions highlighting a number of concerns with the proposed amendments. Issues raised in the submission included concerns with the timing of compliance and technical specifications relating to on-board equipment including lighting. The Ministry of Transportation is to be commended for dedicating the necessary time and resources to meet with transit industry representatives to gain a clear understanding of the issues identified in those submissions. Individual systems have been encouraged to provide feedback specific to their operations that may not impact the industry at large.

The Ontario transit industry is pleased to provide its support for the amendments to Regulation 629 as proposed given the amendments will help achieve the goal of the AODA in an achievable and sustainable manner.

Yours truly,

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