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The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Minister of Transportation
Corporate Correspondence Unit
3rd Floor, Ferguson Block
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Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Z8

Re: Refusal to register electric vehicles for road use

Dear Minister Wynne,

For the past 5 years I have been a member of the Electric Vehicle Council of Ottawa (EVCO) which is "dedicated to promoting the use of electric vehicles as a viable transportation alternative that is ecological, economical, practical, and available now". Many of our members have converted gas vehicles to electric power and use them daily. Today I learned that the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario is now refusing to register the motive power change from gasoline to electric.

No explanation has been given to justify the sudden ban on electric vehicles, nor were any consultations made with the many public organizations and groups which are directly impacted.

I recently helped EVCO restart its electric vehicle conversion course and organized a class of 30 students and 10 instructors last summer (2009). This initiative was and is supported by a multi-year grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Students are taught by experienced instructors on all aspects of vehicle conversion including safety, electricity, physics, chemistry and the environment.

Many of the students have plans to convert vehicles of their own, so I speak for them when I ask you to **please repeal the ban on electric vehicles**. Further, I encourage you to engage EVCO in developing a solution to this problem. Please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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