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**EX34.1.3**

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*President*

May 10, 2018

His Worship John Tory  
Mayor of Toronto, and  
Members of the Executive Committee  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive:

I am writing to express support for the recommendations contained in staff report EX34.1 regarding the Eglinton East LRT project. This project is of crucial importance to students, faculty and staff at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) and is necessary to ensure that our Scarborough campus continues to thrive and provide boundless opportunities for the surrounding community.

As you may know, members of our community come to this campus from across the region and often rely on public transit. Paired with the future development of the Scarborough Subway, the Eglinton East LRT builds the foundations of an integrated transit network for a community that has traditionally been underserved.

Moreover, UTSC is a social, cultural, economic and educational hub for the broader Scarborough community. Ensuring there is affordable, reliable transit to connect this hub to surrounding region will serve to stimulate further development and opportunities for the people of Scarborough.

In closing, on behalf of the University of Toronto, I would like to thank City of Toronto staff who have been working so diligently on this project. We appreciate that UTSC staff have been given the opportunity to collaborate on this proposal to ensure it meets the City's transportation needs and is consistent with the vision behind the UTSC Secondary Plan.

We are very pleased to see this project proceed to the next stage and pleased to continue to work together to make this plan a reality.

Sincerely,

Merik S. Gertler  
President