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BY EMAIL

November 12, 2019

Dear Mayor John Tory and members of the Executive Committee of Toronto:

As the congregational leader of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto, I am writing to ask you to approve EX 10.1. As you may know, we are a Roman Catholic congregation of Women Religious who have responded to the call to help others for the past 170 years. Our work has always brought us in close contact with those who are vulnerable and/or in poverty.

I am pleased that the Poverty Reduction Strategy Action Plan recommends implementing the Fair Pass TTC discount program, and encourage you to support **all** of the transit equity recommendations on Lists A, B, and C. We know that the Fair Pass has positive impacts on people's lives and must be fully implemented as soon as possible.

I urge you to fully fund the Fair Pass immediately, and deepen the discount as soon as possible. We support free TTC for people who receive social assistance, and \$50 passes and \$1 fares for people earning low incomes.

As well, I am deeply disturbed that the TTC will stop selling tokens and seniors tickets as of November 30, 2019, without an adequate replacement and distribution network in place. We feel that the TTC should continue selling tokens and tickets until there is adequate access to PRESTO tickets and loading machines across the city, not only at Shoppers Drug Mart stores and subway stations (recommendation 6.2.1), and until there is a solution for agencies and community organizations (recommendation 6.2.3).

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Yours Sincerely,

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