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Executive Policy Committee
City Of Winnipeg
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Dear EPC Members:

A recent decision to reroute truck traffic on Plessis Road through the St. Boniface Industrial Park raises some real concerns about the way in which policy is being developed without proper public consultation at City Hall.

Trucking officials have indicated that this decision could have an annual financial impact of approximately $400-thousand on their industry. Businesses look for and require certainty when deciding where to establish. Businesses also depend on the ability to move goods throughout the city in an accessible and accommodating manner not an increase in barriers.

While we respect the trepidations of local residents regarding increased noise and safety in the area we don't believe punishing business owners in the area is the answer. The issue of proper city planning is something that The Chamber has long advocated for and this is a perfect example of why it is so important.

The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce would urge that this decision to change the trucking route be revisited and proper consultation done with all stakeholders to ensure a solution that benefits everyone can be achieved.

Sincerely yours,

THE WINNIPEG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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