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Ms. Joyce Frustaglio
Regional Councillor and Chair
York Region Health and Emergency Services Committee
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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Dear Ms. Frustaglio:

Thank you for your letter dated February 3, 2005 concerning the installation of child car seats. I apologize for the delay in my response.

You raise several issues regarding the safe installation of child car seats. I can advise you that the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services has no specific jurisdiction in this regard. Ontario legislation governing child passenger safety is primarily the responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to my colleague, the Honourable Harinder S. Takhar, Minister of Transportation, for his review.

I can also advise you that Transport Canada enforces federal road safety and motor vehicle regulations under the Motor Vehicle Safety Act. This Act regulates the manufacture and importation of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment, including the use of child car seats, to reduce risk of death, injury and damage to property and the environment. You may also wish to share your concerns with Transport Canada. You can contact them by writing to Transport Canada, 330 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N5 or e-mail them at www.tc.gc.ca. By telephone you can reach them toll-free at 1-888-675-6863.

Thank you for making the government aware of your concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Watson, MPP
Minister

c: The Honourable Harinder S. Takhar, Minister of Transportation

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