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The Regional Municipality of York
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Dear Ms. Frustaglio:

Thank you for your letter of February 3, 2005, about the proper installation and use of child car seats and child car booster seats, forwarded to me by my colleague, the Honourable Jim Watson, Minister of Consumer and Business Services.

The Ontario government shares your concerns about the high rate of incorrectly installed car seats and the apparent lack of public awareness about this issue. We are committed to improving the safety and security of Ontario's children, which is why we recently passed Bill 73, An Act to Enhance the Safety of Children and Youth on Ontario's Roads. This new legislation will better protect our children by making booster seats mandatory for young children and extend the requirement to ensure that children are properly secured in an appropriate child restraint system when travelling by motor vehicle to more drivers.

As Minister Watson noted in his letter to you of March 22, 2005, setting standards for new motor vehicles and child car seats is the responsibility of the federal government through Transport Canada. I would encourage you to bring your concerns to their attention.

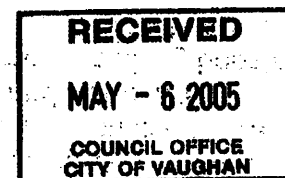
In the meantime, Ministry of Transportation staff work on an ongoing basis with public health officials, school boards, police and community groups at the local level across the province to support the use of appropriate child car seats. Our annual Spring Seat Belt Campaign, April 16-24, 2005, promoted proper child car seat use again this year.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Sincerely,

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c: Hon. Jim Watson, Minister of Consumer and Business Services