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The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Ministry of Transportation
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Dear Minister Wynne,

CARP is pleased to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Minister of Transportation. For your information, CARP is a national, non-profit organization committed to advocating for a New Vision of Aging for Canada. CARP has 350,000 members across the country of whom over 200,000 reside in Ontario. CARP also has 34 chapters across the country including 21 Ontario chapters.

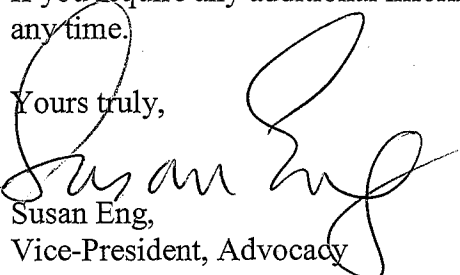
As you may be aware, recent media coverage of pedestrian fatalities caused by automobile accidents has ignited public debate on perceived safety concerns linked to older drivers. These developments signal the need for a limited license for competent drivers of any age who have impairments but are otherwise able to drive safely. The Ministry of Transportation currently provides a restricted driver's license through its issuance of a class G2 license which authorizes off-highway driving. However, it has come to CARP's attention that those over the age of 70 cannot downgrade to a class G2 license even if they no longer can, or wish to, drive on highways but are capable of off-highway driving.

For many older drivers, and their doctors who are reluctant to make the medical assessment that takes away their patient's independence, a graduated or limited license system is urgently needed.

In light of these circumstances and the importance of a driver's license to the independence, health and well being of many older Ontarians, this Friday's edition of CARP *ActionOnline*, our e-newsletter which reaches 85,000 opt-in subscribers, will focus on the issues facing older drivers. CARP invites you to comment the discrepancy noted above and the action your Ministry will take to extend the class G2 licence or an equivalent restricted driver's licence to older Ontarians.

If you require any additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Yours truly,


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