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Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal  
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Councillor Stephen D. Adams  
Chair, Western Region Community Council  
Halifax Regional Municipality  
Office of the Municipal Clerk  
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Halifax, NS B3J 3A5

Dear Councillor <sup>Steve</sup> Adams:

Thank you for your letter of January 30, 2009, on behalf of the Western Region Community Council requesting a restriction on the use of truck engine brakes on a section of the St. Margaret's Bay Road from Beechville Estates to the Lakeside Industrial Park.

This section of St. Margaret's Bay Road (Trunk 3) is under the administration and control of the Halifax Regional Municipality and has a posted speed limit of 50 km/hr. Section 181A of the *Motor Vehicle Act* prohibits the use of diesel engine enhanced braking systems on highways with a 50 km/hr speed limit. The law does not apply to fire department and other emergency vehicles or when the use of the braking system is required by an emergency.

If there is a problem with unwarranted use of the brakes in this area, you may wish to consult your Traffic Authority to determine whether posting of "No Engine Braking" signs would be effective in reinforcing the prohibition.

Sincerely,

Brooke Taylor  
Minister

cc: Mr. Bill Estabrooks, MLA Timberlea - Prospect  
Mr. Ken Reashor, HRM Traffic Authority