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Ms. Diane Rhéaume  
Secretary General  
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Ms. Rhéaume

**Subject: Application for Allocation of 511 for Traveller Information**

It has been brought to our attention that an application has been made to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) for the allocation of 511 as a pan-Canadian telephone number for weather and traveller information services.

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation wishes to express support for the allocation of 511 for weather and traveller information. This designation will make a significant contribution to the value of traveller information in Canada. It will also assist with Ontario's deployment of comprehensive traveller information services, integrating transit, traffic, road and weather conditions; and support Ontario's efforts to address growing congestion issues and improve border operations.

The number 511 is easily remembered, will provide the public with improved access to weather and traveller information, and will be an effective complement to services provided through 511 in the United States.

I believe this application addresses the criteria for assignment of an N11 number as previously determined by the CRTC and merits the careful consideration of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce McCuaig".  
Bruce McCuaig  
Assistant Deputy Minister

cc Mr. John Pearson, Council of Deputy Ministers Secretariat