



Biggest Names in Construction Support Dump Truck Industry, Call on Government to End SPIF Dispute

March 18, 2021- In an unprecedented action, the biggest names in construction have written directly to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, Caroline Mulroney, to urge her to address concerns of dump truck drivers in regard to their ongoing SPIF dispute. Both Lafarge Aggregates and Dufferin Aggregates CHR have now joined in industry-wide efforts to resolve the matter.

The SPIF (Safe, Productive and Infrastructure Friendly) rules took effect in January 2021 and require dump trucks more than 15 years old to undergo expensive axle retrofits (\$20,000 – \$40,000), operate at significantly reduced loads, or get off the road. The measures are designed to reduce long term road and infrastructure wear and the trucks pose no safety risk.

The SPIF compliant axles became mandatory in trucks manufactured from 2011 on. More than 1000 dump trucks manufactured prior are now deemed non-compliant with at least another 1200 approaching the 15 year mark. The measures apply only to four categories of trucks used mainly in the construction industry. The coalition is asking for the older trucks to be grandfathered for a longer period as other impacted trucks such as cement trucks and fuel trailers have been (20-25 years). Only the dump trucks have not been accommodated.

The actions by Lafarge and Dufferin Aggregates come as the busy construction season approaches, after a difficult pandemic year. Labour shortages, increased costs and supply chain disruptions are anticipated.

Liberal leader Steven Del Duca, who was one of the longest serving transportation ministers in Ontario history, and the City of Brampton and Mayor Patrick Brown have also thrown their support behind the truckers.

On March 8, a coalition campaign called Dontdumponus.ca was launched to highlight the wide support and many stakeholders impacted by the SPIF rules. The dump truck industry coalition is calling on Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney to work with the industry to address its concerns. For more information: www.dontdumponus.ca



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