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Subject: Highway 413 Opposition from your neighbours in Dufferin

To the Region of Peel, Councillors, and Mayors,

My name is Laura Campbell. I am a young mom, restaurant owner, and historian, and I live in Mono, Ontario.

I grew up in Caledon and attended Mayfield Secondary School.

Over the years, my friends and I have watched our communities transform in the context of urban sprawl. While I am a huge advocate for the need for housing, I believe that with better planning, (like building on Brown Lands in the GTA), we could have people live much closer to where they work.

Dufferin County, specifically Shelburne, has seen incredible growth over the past few years. The issues that our local Chamber of Commerce tackles these days includes high speed internet access and of course, infrastructure. But building highways is the last thing any local business leader would recommend. We need transit. Folks travelling north-south along Highway Ten every day have zero interest in the province spending billions on a mega highway. They would like to get on a train or a reliable/frequent bus service and connect to the GO system in Brampton.

Our forests, fields, rivers, streams and wetlands must be protected. For a variety of reasons, the most crucial being the climate crisis.

It is so frustrating to see the Premier resurrect this highway project (one which WE the taxpayers have ALREADY paid to have assessed under the Liberal government). Highways don't create long term jobs. Transit projects do. Transit is the future.

I am pleased to see you have in fact declared a climate emergency... this means you have to act with that at the top of mind in every decision you make.

We can have a prosperous economy AND respect our natural world. Paving over farmland, forests, and wetlands, would spell a disaster for our overall goals in Ontario, and beyond. Please lend your voice to a cleaner, greener vision for our region. It is 2021. The future is now. Let's build differently.

I am urging you to PLEASE OPPOSE this highway. My children, your children and grandchildren deserve clean air, clean drinking water, and healthy soil. We can't keep pretending that business as usual is okay. Your constituents do not want this, and neither do your neighbours to the North.

Kind Regards,

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