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Subject: Peel Regional Council March 11 Debate on a Motion to Oppose Highway 413

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Hi I am a resident of Ward 2 in Mississauga. I would like you to know that I oppose Highway 413. I am deeply disturbed by this proposal and think it is irresponsible of the Ford Government to propose, and anyone who endorses it to approve, a new development of this nature when our planet is on the brink of catastrophic environmental failure.

This highway will:

- cross 85 rivers and water courses,
- destroy 400 acres of the Greenbelt,
- lead to more urban sprawl, encroaching on more of the Greenbelt,
- harm our health with more air pollution which is claiming more and more lives every day,
- cost provincial taxpayers \$6 billion, likely to be more when all is said and done, and most importantly,
- increase greenhouse gas emissions which is contrary to the Climate Emergency which Peel Region has declared.

Further to that, there are studies that show that this new highway will not save any time for commuters and that highway 407 could handle the traffic that it is proposed to be relieving.

I urge Peel Regional Council to oppose Highway 413 and support a full federal environmental assessment. Please consider what the scientists say when making your decision: the 2018 IPCC report warns that we must cut global carbon emissions by 45% by 2030 if we want to keep warming to a limit of 1.5 degrees celsius and avoid catastrophic environmental events. Building new highways, particularly in the Greenbelt areas, flies in the face of that warning.

Mayor Bonnie Crombie and Councillor Karen Ras, please insure that this letter is included on the updated agenda for and circulated to Council in advance of the March 11 meeting.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Moleski

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