

March 8, 2021

Region of Peel Council
10 Peel Centre Drive
Suite A and B
Brampton, ON L6T 4B9

Re: Request to Regional Council to Officially Oppose Highway 413

Dear Regional Chair and Councillors,

The following 13 undersigned youth are writing this joint letter to urge the Region of Peel Council to officially oppose Highway 413 without further delay.

As youth who reside in Peel Region, which is one of the main municipalities that will be directly affected by the GTA West Transportation Corridor, we have strong concerns with the proposal to proceed. We kindly ask that our current leaders boldly decline further exploitation of our environment and natural spaces, including the Greenbelt, forests, wetlands, agricultural land, etc., which would continue with the approval of this project. Not only is this deeply concerning because the proposed highway will affect upcoming generations of Ontario residents for years to come but also because the Provincial EA does not accurately reflect the true impacts this highway will have on our health and the health of our environment.

We appreciate that the Region of Peel has already declared a climate emergency, however we would like you to continue focusing on the urgency of the climate crisis by actively shifting priorities away from projects, such as Highway 413, that continue our dependency on cars and existing transportation behaviours for the foreseeable future, which are huge drivers of climate change. We need the actions and intentions of this Council to promote projects that foster active and public transportation, avoid more urban sprawl, focus on decreasing, or at least limiting, greenhouse gas emissions, and protect our rivers, water courses and green spaces.

The Region of Halton, City of Vaughan and City of Mississauga already officially oppose Highway 413, and we would be grateful if the Region of Peel Councillors also display the same concern for their upcoming generations by officially opposing this project.

We look forward to your decision during the March 11th Regional Council meeting and will continue to hope that you prioritize the concerns of your young constituents over the benefits that only a select few may receive through this proposed highway.

Respectfully,

REFERRAL TO _____
RECOMMENDED _____
DIRECTION REQUIRED _____
RECEIPT RECOMMENDED ☒ _____

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