

Subject: FW: Highway 413: The Last Thing The Region Needs

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To whomever it may concern,

My name is Sam Tinajero-Alvarado, I am a second year Media Production student from [REDACTED], minoring in Global Politics and I'm reaching out in solidarity for the land and community I've called my home for 20 years.

As a so-called Gen Z my allegiance lies with anyone who believes in climate action, and while I do believe that individual efforts are important, this is a neoliberal take on the kind of changes that must take place. Majority of the environmental responsibility falls on the shoulders of corporations, states and people with substantial domestic or international power.

This is why it is up to YOU to make a significant difference in the environmental conversation of areas like Caledon, Halton and the Niagara Escarpment. The proposed highway 413 will be destroying and further endangering these incredibly important regions and I, as a local, will feel this impact directly; as will countless others.

What we need is better sustainability city planning and management, better protection of existing green spaces and more cleanups of existing green spaces. We need more people working for the land rather than for the money.

What we don't need is a highway that cuts through our local farmland and habitats that will only shave off 3 minutes for anyone's commute. Our carbon emissions are already high, building a highway that will further encourage people to drive instead of take public transit will increase these numbers.

It has been a year since Covid-19 changed our world forever and the negative environmental impact of the pandemic is still being analyzed, we do not need more hits to the climate crisis. This is but a small way of taking care of the larger picture.

Please, consider the appalling environmental, social and economic effects of building this highway. I speak for myself, my generation and future generations when I say that this developmental idea will do more damage than good. It will be remembered and those who do not side with us, are against us.

You decide which side of history you would like to be on.

Sincerely and passionately,
Sam Tinajero-Alvarado

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