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Subject: Peel Regional Council: Oppose the 413 & Request Federal EA

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Hello Peel Regional Chair Iannicca, and Councillor Saito,

I want to thank you, Councillor Saito, for your strong voice opposing the construction of the 413 at the Mississauga City Council level. Now I am asking you, as a Mississauga Ward 9 resident, to do the same at Peel Regional Council and enter this citizen concern on the updated agenda for next week's Regional Council meeting.

Building new highways only puts more cars on the road and does nothing to help us address the Climate Emergency that Peel Region has declared. Our investment should be in meeting our "Smart City" goals of working close to home, building modern transit and cycling infrastructure and reducing car dependency. And most crucially, acting on climate change and meeting emission reductions targets as per the City's Climate Action Plan.

I am also very concerned that this highway would degrade the parts of the Credit River and Humber River watersheds that flow into Lake Ontario – a source of drinking water for millions of GTA residents, including every resident living in Mississauga. Highway 413 would be 50 km long and would pave over 2,000 acres of Class 1 and Class 2 farmland – among Ontario's most productive farmland. If we truly care about access to and stewardship of our Great Lakes ecosystem and world-class prime farmland local and still in production, then we must show it in opposition to this Highway.

The pandemic has shone an even greater light both on how important natural spaces are to human mental well-being, and the importance of having a strong local food system to carry us through crisis. We need MORE protection of local natural spaces and Peel farm lands, not less.

I am fully opposed to the construction of the GTA West Highway, and urge Peel Regional Council to oppose the construction of Highway 413 and support a full Federal Environmental Assessment so that no works can begin until we know all the facts about what impact building this highway will have. Please show your opposition to the construction of the GTA West Highway at Regional Council next week and show solidarity with our neighbouring cities, towns and regions who have done the same.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Crocker
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