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Dear Council,

We are concerned citizens living in Mississauga and we STRONGLY object the build of Highway 413!! We need to act on climate change and one of the best methods is to conserve and protect our limited green spaces that house and allow ecosystems to thrive. Building a highway is NOT the solution we need to our congestion problems. Spending the \$6 billion dollars and resources to build a highway is a TEMPORARY solution. We need funding and resources to give people alternative options to commute in our cities not to create a larger highway for more people to sit, idle and pollute the air we breathe. Congestion is unpleasant for all and increases people's stress, this is not the solution!

Building this highway will slash a broad 52 km swath through agricultural, natural heritage and environmentally sensitive lands - bisecting 85 streams (10 of which are ecologically HIGH priority) destroying seven entire wood lots including a 5.95 km length of forest, significantly fragmenting valley lands, disrupting 1,000 ha of land significant to wildlife movement - making serious incursions into areas protected under the Green Belt Plan.

The Region of Peel has declared a climate emergency... building this will set us back on what we NEED to be doing to act on climate change! Council, please oppose Highway 413, and support a full Federal Environmental Assessment. These are damages we cannot "fix" or "put back" together once it's built.

Here is a case study and shows exactly what building highways do and how it does NOT help with congestion: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2z7o3sRxA5g</u>.

Thank you for your time,

Vicki & Eric

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