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My apologies, I missed copying some Regional Council members on my email below.

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Dear Peel Regional Council Members,

As a long-term resident of Caledon I am against the proposed Urban Boundary expansion and am writing to ask that you halt this expansion, for the sake of future generations and the prosperity of our region. Instead, I ask that you support smart growth principles by encouraging building within existing urban communities. I also ask that the Region looks globally for best planning practices that could be adapted for Peel before committing to a growth plan that favours sprawl.

There are many issues facing Peel, which include a need for affordable housing and mitigating the disastrous impacts of our pending climate crisis.

Single family, sprawling homes, are expensive and in our current real estate market will no doubt cost over \$1M per home. This will not address the issue of a lack of affordable housing in Peel. Affordable housing will be realized by building communities with smaller scale apartment buildings and a mix of detached and semis detached houses and townhomes. We should aspire to create communities that are not only affordable, but attractive and walkable, ones which support local businesses and attract skilled and talented people to Peel. Building within our existing urban centres would save taxpayers money. Sewers, water pipes, roads and schools would all be cheaper to build and maintain with more people living closer together, and the higher density populations would make Public transit economically viable.

Peel has made a commitment to combat climate change but promoting car dependent sprawl will only exacerbate climate issues by paving over some of Canada's best farmland, increasing the risk of flooding and destroying natural habitat for people, birds and wildlife. Statistics clearly show that birds and wildlife populations are

dramatically declining worldwide, and we have seen through the covid pandemic how important natural spaces are to people's mental and physical health.

I ask once again that you say NO to the proposed urban boundary expansion and instead lead us into a brighter future.

Respectfully,

Gail MacLennan

Caledon, Ontario

