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Subject: Peel Urban Sprawl

Dear Chair, Region of Peel and Mayor Mississauga,

I have lived in Mississauga for 22 years now. I strongly oppose the expansion of the urban boundaries of Peel, including the current proposal in the Region which would see more than 10,000 acres of natural and agricultural lands utilized for housing.

I understand the need for affordable housing, but I don't think we do this by destroying our forests, green space, food base, and sensitive habitats. The vast sprawl in Mississauga has not been a good model for our region. We have built large single detached houses throughout the region with little variability in housing style. For example, we seem to have the choice of single detached homes or large high rises. We need Smart City Development where we incorporate fashionable low-rise housing, townhomes, semis and singles. We need more gentle density and walkable communities where there are genuine close places to buy food and visit parkland. What we seem to be doing is developing swathes of residential land and expansive commercial warehouses and turning food producing fields into cut-off communities not serviced by public transit. We then build highways to connect up.

As well, we have a low level of green space and tree coverage in Mississauga and the region. Yet we have a climate crisis that needs to be addressed. We must maintain our green spaces to sequester CO2 from the air, provide habitats for animals, and to bring joy to residents. No-one wants to live in a concrete jungle!

We do not want to repeat those planning mistakes further and further afield. I respectfully ask you to see the broader picture in making decisions at the Council and Regional level. Destroying valuable arable land and bulldozing for aggregate for housing, commercial distribution and highways at the outskirts of our Urban Boundary will severely limit our opportunities to build viable, connected housing in the future. Please say no to the Urban Boundary expansion.

Sincerely,
Janet Quinlan

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