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Subject: Stop Sprawl in Peel Region

Dear Members of Regional Council,

My name is Angela Grella. My family has owned land in Peel Region for 42 years. I am deeply concerned about urban sprawl and strongly oppose the frequent attempts to expand the urban boundaries of the cities and towns in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. On Thursday, April 7th, 2022, The Planning and Growth Committee heard from over 25 delegates and received over 750 petitions and letters from residents in Peel and beyond. However, the Planning and Growth Committee had already decided to endorse the staff report without concern for the impact it would have on Peel Regions' long-term financial and environmental sustainability. Residents' concerns, covering a wide range of ages, locations, housing types and workplaces, were ignored.

I understand the need for affordable housing, but an Urban Boundary expansion provides anything but, building expensive houses, chipping away at our food base and destroying sensitive habitat. We need more gentle density and walkable communities where there are near places to buy food, visit friends and family and enjoy nature. We need to end exclusionary zoning and build the missing middle within the existing urban boundary.

What we seem to be doing is continuing decades of costly sprawl, developing large swathes of residential land at the edge of our communities and turning food-producing fields into isolated housing and warehouses with little to no service by public transit. Instead, we build highways to connect these places and bring even more traffic to the Region. Much of this is truck traffic, as more low employment distribution centres are built, serving short-term consumption patterns, not long-term regional prosperity. I respectfully ask all members to see the broader picture in making decisions at the Council and Regional level. We are in a climate crisis. Destroying valuable arable land

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and bulldozing for aggregate for housing and highways will severely limit our opportunities to build viable, connected housing and employment in the future. On April 14th do not submit the Region of Peel Draft Official Plan to Minister Clark. Please delay submitting the Official Plan until after June 2nd. Give the public more time to have their say, and for everyone to take a sober second thought on the consequences of sprawl for the next 30 years. Do not let the provincial government have complete control over municipal decisions regarding land planning and use.

Sincerely Yours,
Angela Grella