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premier@ontario.ca
Subject: Property Tax Increase

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Madame Mayor, Premier Ford, and Commissioner VanOfwegen,

I am writing this email as a frustrated taxpayer of the city of Mississauga. I have lived here since I was 12 years old, my family has owned multiple businesses in the city, and I chose Mississauga as the place I would live when I left my parents' home.

In all these years, I have paid my taxes faithfully, and consider myself to be a good citizen. In all these years, I considered the fact that our taxes would increase annually as a measure of inflation as reasonable, albeit that my salary did not increase in the same way. I cannot, however, endorse such a change this year, in the middle of a global pandemic, when so many people have lost their jobs or have had to take a pay cut.

The city of Markham has put a freeze on any tax/fee increases for this year. The Premier's office is sitting on \$9 Billion in COVID relief from the Federal government. Maybe the time has come for the senior members of your administration, Madame Mayor, to take a pay cut. The same is true for your office, Premier Ford.

Continually taxing and burdening your citizens while you all enjoy the perks of being gainfully employed is shameful. It must stop.

I am aware that many of you do not read these emails; in that case, I advise your staffers to at least let you know that I will be voting, as I have in the past, and my vote will depend on how you have all handled yourselves in these circumstances.

Now is the time to show your humanity and do what you have to do to shoulder this burden.

Sincerely,

Irene Lappas

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