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DEAR SIR/MADAM

ON TUESDAY JUNE 18, VAUGHAN CITY COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING A BY-LAW THAT COULD SET A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT.

THE BY-LAW WOULD PREVENT PROTESTS FROM HAPPENING WITHIN 100 METERS OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS. IT WOULD KICK IN IF A COMMUNITY MEMBER MERELY FEELS "INTIMIDATED" OR "CONCERNED" FOR THEIR SAFETY OR SECURITY - EVEN IF THERE IS NO ACTUAL THREAT WHATSOEVER.

THIS IS A SHOCKINGLY LOW BAR FOR STRIPPING OTHERS OF THEIR DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO PEACEFUL PROTEST, CALLING IN ARMED POLICE TO PHYSICALLY SUPPRESS THEM, AND FINING PEOPLE UP TO \$100,000! THE VAUGHAN STAFF REPORT ON THE PROPOSED BY-LAW PROVIDES EXAMPLES OF ALLEGED HATE CRIMES. NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THE EXAMPLES CITED (ARSON, BOMB THREATS, VANDALISM, SHOOTING AT BUILDINGS) WOULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED BY THE PROPOSED BY-LAW. THERE IS ZERO EVIDENCE OF ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN PEACEFUL PROTESTS AND SUCH ACTS.

VAUGHAN MUST FOCUS ON INVESTIGATING AND ADDRESSING ACTS OF VIOLENCE INSTEAD OF OFFERING A FALSE SOLUTION THAT A) WON'T PREVENT HATE CRIMES AND B) WILL PERMANENTLY REDUCE THE ENTIRE VAUGHAN COMMUNITY'S DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS.

THE LAW MUST PROTECT US ALL AND NOT JUST SOME.

KIND REGARDS,
MARICELLE TIA