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To whom it may concern,

My name is Kristen Mizzi, I am 33-years-old and I have been a resident of Woodbridge (REDACTED Martin Grove Road) my entire life. I am writing to you in regards to the high-rise condo zoning request for 5850 Langstaff Road that my parents and I received not long ago. I would like to make it known that I am against the zoning of this land and do not support this request.

While I acknowledge that change is inevitable, there have been a number of changes to Woodbridge during my time here that have not been for the better and I believe that this will also be a negative addition to our community. The growing numbers of residents and current changes in infrastructure have resulted in a dangerously high amount of traffic and speeding in the area. On almost a daily basis, there are a number of close calls of pedestrians being almost hit by cars and other vehicles passing along Martin Grove. Pedestrians must be hypervigilant crossing the roads, especially once Highway 427 was connected to Langstaff, as now people race through Martin Grove as a short cut to get there. Very recently, my mother was nearly hit by a car and I have witnessed the school crossing guards having many close calls with cars passing through the area. Additionally, especially during rush hour periods, the backup of cars along both Highway 27 as well as Martin Grove Road can be ridiculous and commute times have sky rocketed. Introducing such a vast number of future residents, especially all at the same time, and without proper changes to infrastructure to support this number of people, is just asking for trouble. The traffic will only get worse, and there's an increase in likelihood of accidents between vehicles and as well as with pedestrians. Our transit systems aren't even a viable solution since they already struggle as it is to support the community and are hard to rely on as they also get caught up in the same traffic.

Other infrastructure that would need to be addressed with such a high population increase would be our medical services. This area of Woodbridge is lucky enough to have a decent proximity to both the Mackenzie Health and William Osler Health systems however, neither are properly equipped to handle services of a population growth of this size. The current medical systems are struggling to keep up as it is, and as someone who works in healthcare, I have already seen first-hand how hard it has been for the system to keep up. Putting an additional strain of this size on both healthcare systems is not right. There is also a lack of things like family doctors in this region which means that many of these individuals would be using our walk-in services which would only drastically increase wait times further (as they can already have long wait times) and make it harder for people to seek medical care.

Another issue is that the last thing that this area needs is more shoebox sized apartments that are astronomically priced. A proposed solution to the housing crisis is to increase the supply of places to live so that the cost of housing will go down. While in theory that seems like an adequate solution, it isn't actually what is being practiced. The cost of housing has only been increasing and people like myself that would love to continue living in the communities we grew up in, are being priced out and pushed out. I have always dreamed that when I was old enough, I would have my own place in Woodbridge but this dream will not come to fruition. The average cost of a house in Woodbridge is over \$1 million and it is no longer feasible for myself and many others to find places of our own here. This is even with the already large number of condos and high-rises being built throughout Vaughan. These new condos will just contribute further to this unachievable dream and open up the area for investors to purchase and ultimately rent to us at ridiculous rates. For companies like City Park, it isn't about the people who will be living in the condos they've built but rather, it is about greed and how much money they would be able to make.

This push to turn Woodbridge and Vaughan into the next Toronto has started to ruin the charm of what made this area great.

Thank you for allowing residents the opportunity to voice our concerns about our community.

Kristen Mizzi