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This is a written submission to an official plan amendment, and rezoning amendment proposal on the southwest corner of Major Mackenzie and Fossil Hill (Official Plan Amendment File OP.21.001; Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.21.002). I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed construction of a 10-storey and 5-storey building at the intersection of Major Mackenzie Drive and Weston Road. This development raises significant concerns for our community, particularly regarding traffic, school capacity, safety, and overall quality of life. Past high-rise developments in Vaughan have demonstrated adverse effects on local infrastructure and community dynamics. For instance, traffic studies indicated a 25% increase in vehicle counts on Woodbridge Avenue post-development of apartments, leading to longer commute times and heightened safety concerns near schools. Residents also reported a noticeable decline in local air quality correlating with the increased traffic. Additionally, in the Woodbridge area, the construction of high-rise buildings near St. Peter's Catholic School has resulted in overcrowding, with classrooms exceeding their intended capacity by 15-20%. This not only compromises the quality of education but also stresses the available resources. In the Maple community, the proposed Maple High Rise Project has raised alarms regarding school capacity. Nearby schools, like Maple High School, are already operating at full capacity, with projections showing a potential 25% increase in enrollment if new developments proceed. This creates an urgent need for additional resources and space, which are not currently available. Moreover, residents have noted an uptick in minor crimes, such as theft and vandalism, correlating with the influx of new residents in high-density areas. For example, a local neighborhood watch group reported a 15% rise in vehicle break-ins since the development of new high-density housing. These trends undermine the safety and security of our neighborhoods. Given these precedents, I urge the council to reconsider the proposed development at Major Mackenzie and Weston Road. The potential negative impacts on traffic, school capacity, and community safety pose significant risks to the quality of life for existing residents. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I hope the council will prioritize the needs and concerns of our community in its decision-making process. Maria