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Dear Franca,

Thank you for your email and for sharing your concerns. We appreciate your commitment to the safety of our community and your recognition of our collaborative efforts.

Please rest assured that we will continue to work together to address these issues and seek effective solutions for the residents of Vaughan, Caledon, and Brampton.

Best regards,
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Dear Mayor Del Duca and Council Members,

I would like to thank Mayor Del Duca for collaborating with Mayor Groves and Mayor Brown in this very urgent matter before the residents of Vaughan, Caledon and Brampton. All Mayor's and Council members are showing the residents that you are all united in this urgent matter for the safety of their residents.

I am a long-time resident of Bolton, and I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the illegal truck yards that are threatening our communities safety. The situation we are facing is beyond what any resident should have to endure. We are currently surrounded by these illegal operations. I have already lost two friends in accidents involving large commercial trucks. So you can understand my extreme concerns.

A particular soon to be truck yard at 12151 Albion Vaughan Road is set to open soon, and I urge The City of Vaughan to make sure that it does not open to commercial vehicles or containers. This address is zoned for agriculture.

I recently had a close call while driving north on Cold Creek Road on October 31st. I managed to avoid an accident when a truck turned right from Kirby Road to go southbound onto Cold Creek Road (picture attached from my dash cam). As I was approaching, and without regard that I had the right of way, he took both northbound and southbound lanes to make his turn. Luckily, I was able to slow down enough and avoid a head on collision. This truck was going to park at one of the many illegal truck lots on Cold Creek Road. I have also attached a picture of a property in that area that has an application in for a zoning change that should not be passed.

Albion Vaughan Road is of similar width to Cold Creek Road but experiencing significantly heavier traffic with vehicles and trucks exceeding speeds of 80 km/h, and during rush hour there is barely a gap between vehicles traveling northbound and southbound. There are residents backyards just across from this soon to be truck yard. It would be devastating to see an accident that pushes a truck into someone's backyard.

The thought of hundreds of trucks entering and exiting from the yard on Albion Vaughan Road, merging onto a two-lane road that is already heavy with traffic, is terrifying.

I also worry that many of the drivers may be unqualified and that many of the trucks may be unfit for the road.

I urge you to take immediate action to ensure that the property at 12151 Albion Vaughan Road does not open for commercial vehicle operations or container storage as this poses a significant risk to all resident's safety.

The fill being brought into these illegal truck yards poses a serious risk of soil contamination, particularly if it's not properly regulated. This, combined with potential diesel fuel leaks, could render the land unsuitable for future farming and impose high cleanup costs on developers, assuming it can even be restored. The long-term impacts could be both environmental and financial.

Additionally, Provincial permission needs to be granted to all Mayors to barricade the entrances and exits of all illegal truck yards. The fines imposed for these illegal operations are often viewed as merely a "cost of doing business" or ignored altogether.

I want to extend my heartfelt thank you to our Mayor Annette Groves, Councillor Tony Rosa, Councillor Cosimo Napoli and Councillor Mario Russo, for their unwavering dedication they have shown to this matter. At first, I didn't fully grasp or appreciate just how much work Mayor Groves and her council have put in over the years, but it's become clear how deeply committed they have been. Mayor Groves has been tirelessly hard at work and I am truly grateful for her efforts and those of her Council.

It is now wonderful to see three dedicated and influential Mayors collaborating to prioritize the safety and well-being of their communities. My heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your hard work, commitment and teamwork.

Franca Pisani

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