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Dear Councillors and City Clerk, Premier, Honourable Ministers and MPPs,

I am writing to you as a resident of York Region to Urge you to support Councillors lafrate and DeFrancesca's resolution at the December 17, 2024, City of Vaughan Council Meeting. The resolution, approved at the Committee of the Whole on December 3, calls on the Province to conduct a feasibility study to buy back the Highway 407 lease, as the Premier has acknowledged, and to implement a one-year pilot program to subsidize or eliminate tolls on Highway 407.

This pilot would give commercial vehicles affordable or free access to the underused Highway 407, even if that be decided at night, reducing travel time and costs for businesses and consumers while easing congestion on Highway 401, Highway 7, and nearby regional roads such as Steeles, Rutherford, and Major Mackenzie Drive. The pilot will also allow the Province to evaluate how toll reductions impact traffic flow and efficiency.

This is a critical step toward addressing congestion and supporting

economic efficiency in the GTHA. I strongly encourage your support.

In summary, I am asking City Councillors and the Ontario government to support the Feasibility Study for Highway 407 put forward by Councillors lafrate and DeFrancesca.

Sincerely, <u>Melanie</u> Duckett-Wilson