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Dear Mr. Premier, Councillors and Clerks,

I am emailing you to voice my support for, and ask that you too support Councillor Iafrate and DeFrancesca's Highway 407 Feasibility Study resolution, at the upcoming December 17, 2024 Council Meeting.

The resolution, which was passed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 3, 2024 is asking all Councillors to support the Premier's Feasibility Study to buy back the lease on Hwy 407, which the Premier has publicly acknowledged. **More importantly, the resolution is asking the province to implement a one year pilot program that will subsidize or eliminate tolls on Highway 407 and evaluate the impact of the pilot on traffic congestion and efficiency.**

This pilot provides commercial vehicles with **immediate** low/no cost access to the underused Highway 407. It provides commercial vehicles and their owners with affordable access and a quicker option for moving their products across the GTHA corridor resulting in significant savings in time and travel costs. The anticipated shift of commercial vehicles to Highway 407 will ease the tremendous congestion currently being experienced on Highway 7 in Vaughan and other municipalities, as well as Highway 401 and other GTA regional roads adjacent to Highway 407 including Steeles, Rutherford and Major Mackenzie Drive.

This resolution, provides an opportunity to fix long existing congestion and transportation issues that have plagued the GTA, by using existing infrastructure and resources, and only provides a benefit for the City of Vaughan. As we know, public servants owe a fiduciary duty to the members of the public that they serve - not just the ones they like. I trust you will do the right thing.

Thank you for your support.

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