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Dear City Clerk, I am writing to you as a resident of the City of Vaughan residing in Kleinburg.

I am once again asking that Vaughan Councillors support Councillor lafrate and DeFrancesca's 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 goes further and 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. As you would have seen in the recent published report commissioned by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) and the Ontario Road Builder's Association (ORBA), the study titled "Impact of Congestion in the GTHA and Ontario" reveals congestion is estimated to be costing Ontario \$56 billion in 2024. The anticipated shift of commercial vehicles to Highway 407 would **IMMEDIATELY** ease the tremendous congestion and cost 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. Moving forward with a feasibility assessment and pilot program will allow the Province to assess the impact on congestion resulting from the reduction or elimination of the tolls on commercial vehicles.

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

Thank you for your support.

Tony Malfara