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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am once again writing in support of the resolution from Councillors lafrate and DeFrancesca 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.

The city already has active transportation plans and rezoning work to allow for fourplexes, which will help to resolve gridlock. More can also be done to reduce York Region Transit fares to make this a more affordable option. These solutions are cheaper than building a highway and more beneficial for people's health. (Ng et al. 2024) There can also be a public communications campaign to change the car-centric culture in Vaughan. All of this combined with increasing access to Highway 407 will resolve gridlock much faster than building Highway 413.

Sincerely,

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