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Dear Vaughan Decision Makers,

I am writing today to express my concerns regarding Agenda Item 6.3 on the March 31, 2026 Committee of the Whole agenda - specifically regarding the Temporary Zoning application for 10481 Highway 50.

This property is currently an illegal truck yard that poses serious public safety risks to the community for several reasons:

- A center median on Highway 50 in front of this property's driveway means there is only right in/right out access. Frequently, trucks and cars entering and leaving this property drive dangerously in an attempt to head southbound on Highway 50, including:
 - Driving southbound in the northbound lanes of Highway 50 (into oncoming head on traffic) to avoid the island and head southbound on Highway 50
 - Pulling U turns on Highway 50 just north of this property to head southbound around the island on Highway 50 (this includes 18 wheeler trucks pulling U turns)
 - Driving southbound on the northbound shoulder of Highway 50 to access the driveway (this includes 18 wheeler trucks)
- This poses a significant public safety risk as these unacceptable driving behaviours are seen on a daily basis and endanger every commuter that uses Highway 50
- This property has several by-law notices, with one before the courts - recommending approval of temporary zoning for properties that are operating illegally and are before the courts just encourages the culture of illegally alter your property first & asking for approval after the fact
- Lack of concern for environmental damage and no intention to resolve existing concerns:
 - Fill has been brought in illegally and altered one of the water courses on the property (Rainbow Creek) - the site plan doesn't indicate any resolution to this issue
 - The Environmental Site Assessment report indicates several areas of concern (with staining and improperly stored items) - there is no requirement to clean this up before temporary zoning is granted
 - The City's comment (page 4 of the Comment Response Matrix) states that clean up is not required considering the property would continue to be used as a truck terminal - clean up would only be required once the land is developed in the future
 - This is concerning, as it seems the expectation is that further contamination is likely to happen & there's no point in cleaning up what is there now

It is incredibly disappointing that City of Vaughan staff are recommending approval of the temporary zoning application for this property that is putting the public at risk.

I am urging Vaughan's Committee to reject the approval of this temporary zoning, continue enforcement activities on this property and to put the safety of the public ahead of landowners that use their properties illegally. We cannot have this happening anymore- too many people lost their lives already.

Thank you,