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Good morning Please find attached a letter from KARA outlining our concerns regarding the proposed legislation entitled Restoring Ontario's Competitive Act, Bill 66. As you will note we are very much in opposition of this as it bypasses all the checks and balances which have been put in place to ensure appropriate development.

Sincerely

Kathryn Angus
President
Kleinburg & Area Ratepayers' Association

To: Mayor, Regional Councillors, Councillors and Todd Coles

Re: Premier Doug Ford's proposed legislation – Restoring Ontario's Competitive Act, Bill 66

We are writing to ask that you join other Mayors in stating **“The Greenbelt is NOT open for business”**. In an article in the Star dated Tuesday, December 11th 2018, the Mayors from both Hamilton and Burlington indicated that there is no need to open up the Greenbelt for business.

Doug Ford emphatically promised during the election that he would not touch the Greenbelt. Now Premier Ford is trying to get around his own promise by letting municipal councils do his dirty work.

Bill 66, also known as Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018, is disguised as a job creation bill to reduce red tape, however recent economic reports reveal that Canada and Ontario show very healthy job growth numbers with an unemployment rate of 5.6%, the lowest rate since 1976. This has been achieved without legislation that threatens our Greenbelt, our lakes and rivers and the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Bill 66 is one of the most ill-conceived and short-sighted pieces of legislation to come out of the Provincial Government to date. This legislation encourages municipalities to ignore existing environmental and planning policies including The Greenbelt Act, The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, The Clean Water Act, and The Great Lakes Protection Act. These acts were all created to protect environmentally sensitive lands and waterways and in turn protect the health and well-being of Ontario citizens.

Bill 66 allows municipalities to create “open for business” zoning bylaws. Industrial buildings would be eligible for this type of fast track development. Industrial buildings that degrade the environment and pollute waterways would be encouraged to locate their operations in “Open for Business” zones.

The Provincial Government is so intent on pushing through development as fast as possible that Municipalities will not be required to inform the public when development under Bill 66 gets approved. Not only is the health and well-being of our communities threatened but we won't even get a say in how they are shaped.

Bill 66 is a real threat to Vaughan. Vaughan is home to where the Greenbelt, the Oak Ridges Moraine and the headwaters of major watersheds all intersect. There are thousands of Vaughan residents who are located close to Greenbelt lands and downstream from major watershed tributaries. This policy has the potential to do real harm to residents of Vaughan and the environment.

Our communities are not red tape, our rivers and streams are not red tape, and the future health and well-being of our children is not red tape. Please listen to your constituents and reject Bill 66. We did not vote for this bill and we will hold those who support it accountable for passing it or ultimately using the provisions this dangerous legislation.

Regards

Kathryn Angus, President

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