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**From:** alexandra ney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 09, 2019 11:00 AM  
**To:** Iafrate, Marilyn <Marilyn.Iafrate@vaughan.ca>  
**Subject:** Bill 66 Vote No to Opening Greenbelt

Good morning Marilyn,

Please find the attached letter asking you and your fellow Councillors to vote No to opening Greenbelt lands.

If you would kindly share this letter with your fellow Councillors.

Many thanks,  
Alexandra Ney

January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Marilyn Iafrate and all Councillors:

Re Greenbelt Bill 66 – Please vote no to opening Greenbelt lands

I'm writing today to voice concern re proposed opening of the valuable Greenbelt Lands. I hope that you and your fellow Councillors will vote against removing any lands from the Greenbelt. I would request to see the recorded vote.

The Greenbelt lands contain sensitive Wetlands, Forest and Fields which are much needed for many reasons. Once these precious lands are destroyed, we will never get them back.

Environmentally important – wetlands and forests are our filtering system absorbing Carbon Dioxide, and the water overflow in storms preventing flooding. These lands lower temperatures in our hot summers, thereby fighting Global Warming. Most importantly the lands had been initially selected due to their significant environmental importance. In my area, it's a mix of mature trees and younger growth, bordering the Humber River tributaries.

Economically – these farm lands employ massive numbers of people. In my opinion this is greatly overlooked by all concerned. The grains feed massive amounts of people and animals, employ thousands of people throughout the entire process from farm, to equipment, food process, stores, bakeries, world trade, etc.

The Ford Conservative government is all about being open to business, do not destroy this important and valuable resource. The Greenbelt lands create and sustain many jobs and businesses within the food industry, fuel and other avenues.

What is removed will be replaced – if you vote no, you will not have to go down this road. I'm guessing in our democratic country you would have to ask land owners if they would like to have their land Greenbelted?? Why even entertain this when valuable land has already been preserved?!

Statement - there's a shortage of land for development – within The City of Vaughan the lands are some of the most fertile growing soil within Ontario. This cannot be replaced. Please do not destroy our best food growing lands.

To my knowledge there are huge amounts of lands for development throughout The City of Vaughan. Most of the lands are closer to existing sewers, water treatment and larger lane roads, thereby lessening the cost of development.

Opening Greenbelt lands would severely impact already overwhelmed road infrastructure. In short in my opinion there is no shortage of land to develop – there are thousands of acres already available to develop for housing and industry, outside of the Greenbelt. It's all the more important to keep Greenbelt areas surrounding any type of industrial areas.

What is needed now is continued farming, nature trails, large tracts of natural park land which will clean our air, filter water and give us areas to enjoy. More housing will not provide this or lower the cost of housing.

Councillors you have a duty to show your concern and understanding of what the voters who elected you want – preserve our existing Greenbelt. Do not open any of these already designated lands. The Greenbelt provides so many benefits, it's up to all of us to maintain these important lands.

Vote no to opening land from the Greenbelt.

Kind Regards,  
Alexandra Ney

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