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Mayor Belvilacqua, Regional Councillors & Councillors:

On Jan 17, 2019 at the Committee of the Whole, the Vaughan council will be hearing input from the public on its response to the significant change signalled by the provincial government re protection of the Green Belt. Ontario's Bill 66 (Restoring Ontario Competitiveness Act) by allowing municipalities to ignore environmental and planning controls designed to protect the Green Belt and Oak Ridges moraine is a very short sighted. It goes against promises (to protect the Green Belt) made by Premier Ford during the election and unfairly downloads the environmental responsibility onto the municipalities.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to attend the Jan 17 meeting, but strongly urge that the Vaughan council adopt a **CLEAR** position that **VERY STRONGLY** protects the Green Belt / Oak Ridges moraine. This would include a Vaughan position that **NO** exceptions would be considered re: commercial development on the Green Belt. Since very important parts of the Green belt are in Vaughan, it is essential that it the City take up the stewardship that has been abdicated by the provincial government. The Green Belt area is too important to Vaughan and Ontario to be opened to development.

Sincerely
Paulette & John Cutler

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