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Dear Honourable Minister

I am the President of the Kleinburg & Area Ratepayers' Association and we pride ourselves in actively participating and contributing to the planning process. We believe that public participation is essential to creating great communities and we are very concerned regarding an MZO which has been requested by the Block 41 Landowners Group and supported by Vaughan Council at the June 16 Committee of the Whole meeting. I have provided the link to the agenda item below.

<https://pub-vaughan.escibemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=36700>

Given that this does not receive formal approval by Council until the end of the month, we felt that it was important for you to understand why we are both ethically and morally opposed to a measure that circumvents the normal planning process. Our concerns have no bearing on either the landowners' group or the Appellant, being TransCanada – this is simply a matter of right of appeal or rather, denying one's right of appeal.

Below are some public comments that were made regarding this matter by Council. I trust that you will give them due consideration before you proceed entertaining the request that we gather will be presented to you within the not too distant future.

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“We ask that this be deferred to the next Committee of the Whole for further discussion about the ramifications of pursuing an MZO for a residential subdivision rather than the intended use for an MZO for particularly unique situations for employment lands”.

“Asking for an MZO for Block 41 is setting the bar so low that Council will not be able to justify refusing all requests that come in the future”.

“We have never asked for an MZO where there has been appeals by 3rd parties, to do so now would make us the facilitators of obstructing a public appeal process. No one wants their right of appeal to be stripped away from them”.

“Council has a duty to protect and enhance the rights of their citizens and corporations”.

There is no urgency for an MZO for this parcel of land as it does not have the full sewer and water capacity to build out and such services are still years away thus there is plenty of time for the LPAT process to proceed to a decision.

Should this request be granted, then what we believe would follow would be another request for the Copper Creek development application which is also under appealed. What would be next..... the Toronto Board of Trade lands in Woodbridge? There would be no closing of the flood gates once Council deviates from the present policies of what does get their support for an MZO.

What we feel would have been more appropriate would have been for Council to request that the LPAT process for Block 41 be fast tracked.

I thank you for your consideration,

Kathryn Angus, President
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