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Please stay strong in your opposition to the 413. Not just for Vaughan, but for our province and our country. Vaughan residents comprise a significant group of engineers – many of them aerospace. But with Bombardier aircraft production fading away from Downsview, those people will be looking for new horizons.

Vaughan already has an impressive industrial base. And it has managed that, in spite of years of Federal government neglect to engineering and innovation, as development money was targeted to the oil sands.

Though there are no AVRO engineers left working, their DNA remains here. Many new immigrants to Canada are selected on the basis of their technology capabilities. But they need opportunities to utilize those capabilities when they get here.

Give Vaughan engineers the opportunity to continue working nearby. A short term work project building a new highway doesn't create long term high paying jobs. Please utilize the resources you have in your existing engineering community – let them develop the new CO2 reduction technologies that can be used and manufactured here in Canada and exported around the world.

As well as human expertise, Vaughan still has some available land. Some new CO2 technologies will need a significant footprint. Try not to fill up all those spaces with low wage distribution centers.

We have been told that part of CO2 tax money is to be used to develop carbon reduction technologies. Some of the CO2 tax money will come to citizens as they redirect their spending. But some of that tax money will go to support engineering innovation. Think ahead for your residents and help them generate those new products.

Yours truly

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