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To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Stop the 413

To Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

We are writing to ask for your support in withdrawing Vaughan's support for the 413 Highway.

This expansive highway will have a detrimental impact on the hectares of valuable farmland and Greenbelt that so enriches the Province of Ontario. Covid-19 has definitely taught us that as a Province, we must be self-sufficient in maintaining and protecting our crucial food supply and lands that feed and employ our people. Once gone, these lands can never be replaced.

Although we recognize a need for further Highway capacity in Ontario, we need to do an in-depth study of all highways, a federally-championed environmental assessment along with further studies of our food chain and supply. Seeing that Highway 400 is the main North/South route, perhaps we need another Highway in the west end that also heads north-bound, thus eliminating the need for Highway 413 to carry traffic from the west to Highway 400.

Now is not the time to fast-track Highway 413 without a proper assessment being undertaken by the federal government. These lands are far too valuable to be grazed over.

We ask that you support our request.

Thank you,
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