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Sent: Monday, March 08, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca; Council@vaughan.ca

Subject: [External] Re: GTA West Corridor/Highway 413

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

As residents of Vaughan, we ask you to please vote "Yes" to reverse endorsement for the GTA West Corridor/Highway 413 as was done at the Committee of the Whole meeting March 2nd; and pass a motion to support the request for a Federal Environmental Assessment.

Given that there are viable alternatives to this highway which need to be considered by the Province, including prioritizing goods movement on the 407, and improving transit – the proposed highway route would seriously impact the future of Vaughan residents. Creating more local air pollution from vehicle traffic, the environmentally negative impacts of paving over important farmland and approximately 400 acres of protected Greenbelt lands, bulldozing through the Nashville Conservation Area, and destruction of forests around the Humber and East Humber rivers, will not only reduce climate resilience but also affect citizens' general well-being by removing natural wild life proximity and recreational benefits.

We understand that other municipalities which would be affected by the proposed Highway, including Mississauga, Halton Region, Orangeville, Halton Hills and Halton Region have all chosen locally to oppose Highway 413, and we hope that our Vaughan representatives will do likewise.

Sincerely,

David and Susan Corley