## **DEPUTATION IN WRITING**

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OCTOBER 8, 2020

Subject: Potential for Employment Lands Along 400 Series Highways

Spokesperson: Catherine Wellesley

Name of Group or person(s) being represented (if applicable):

## Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

To Regional Council,

I am a long-time resident of King Township who greatly values the Oak Ridges Moraine and our Greenbelt farmlands and natural areas. I was shocked to learn of York Region Council's proposal to open the Greenbelt to industrial and commercial employment development.

I urge York Region Council to retain and preserve all Greenbelt lands in their current designations and not remove any protected land for this unnecessary development. We do not need more urban sprawl! In this time of climate emergency and drastic biodiversity loss, it is more important than ever to protect our limited remaining natural areas.

Regards,

Catherine Wellesley

