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Subject: You do not speak for me on the motion for a letter to Premier Ford.

Dear Carmine Perrelli

Your motion to York regional council is misleading at best and will kill people at worst. I saw your advertisement on FB. The quote from Dr Kurji is not very recent or under the conditions we are seeing now. I even asked you for the reference as to when he said that, but you haven't responded on that FB advertisement. So I will ask the question again.

Our own Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kurji, has said that we are not seeing any outbreaks traced to retail establishments and that a lockdown wouldn't make much of a difference. SCARSIN, the consultants hired by York Region have also said the same thing.

One of Dr. Kurji's exact quotes, "What we are not seeing are any outbreaks traced to retail establishments. We are not seeing any outbreaks traced to restaurants, or gyms and we haven't been seeing outbreaks from places of worship in York Region either", sums it up best.

We know that major outbreaks have happened in religious establishments elsewhere, in restaurants elsewhere and in very much so in gyms. Do we have to make those same mistakes here before you believe that these closures are needed? Your ploy actually reminds me of the tobacco industry executives' strategy for years that cancer was not proven to be directly linked to smoking. That was disgusting and many people died unnecessarily of smoking, please don't do the same thing.

It would be so much better if you asked Premier Ford to get vaccines out faster, to spend more on protecting front line workers at grocery stores, at the hospitals and medical clinics and pharmacies, our paramedics and long term care home workers and teachers and day care workers so we can get back to what we all want faster. That would be speaking for me.

So just to be really clear, you do not speak for me in wanting to get your motion on the table for writing to the premier on reopening businesses and churches and restaurants and gyms.

Sincerely and very concerned

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