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To: York Region Council

Good morning Regional Councilors,

My name is Bruno Malfara. I have been a long-time resident of Kleinburg. Our family moved from Toronto to Kleinburg to enjoy the open environment, clean air and the open spaces.

I'm concerned about the proposed highway 413. Experts have previously determined that this road is a waste of billions in taxpayers' dollars. They also determined that any benefit, 30 to 60 second time saving per trip, is not worth the billions spend. They also determined that there will be devastation to the environment, added noise pollution, devastation to wildlife and our drinking water will occur. The experts have previously noted alternatives to this highway. Expansion of North, South, East and West roads, Expansion of local and provincial transit systems, subsidizing the use of highway 407 for truckers, provide a dedicated lane on the 407 for truckers. Truckers do not use the 407 because of the toll charges. Our current Provincial government does not have the funds to build this highway. It could only be accomplished with Tolls – again truckers will not use it. The previous Liberal Provincial government canceled the 413. I would like to ask you what has changed in 2 years that now justifies the construction of the 413 now?

This highway will only promote additional sprawl, more traffic and pollution. The 413 will only increase our carbon footprint. This is contradictory to what governments at all levels are now promoting. The 413 will only benefit a few developers and not the members of surrounding communities that will be devastated. This is a highway to nowhere.

It should also be noted that COVID has changed our world forever. There will be many less trips on our roads. Many more people will be working from home, just another reason this road will not provide benefit to the communities that it will divide and surround. This road will be underutilized.

As we all know development, when planned in a responsible manner, is good for the economy. It creates jobs and provides a better life style for our community members. As mentioned, development must be planned in a responsible way, this highway is not.

In summary I ask you to reject this highway. I know that this highway falls within Provincial jurisdiction but you are our voice. Please tell the Province it's not needed and we do not support it. Please do not vote in favor for this highway, it will be another white elephant. Focus on other developments that promote all the good things about the environment and communities so that we and our kids, and their kids can enjoy what York Region has to offer.

You have a blank slate here. You have the opportunity to develop smart developments which include renewable energy, green spaces, clean drinking water, protection of wildlife. This does not include the construction of Mega Highways. **It takes strong leadership, do the right think here, listen to the elected community and do not support this highway.**

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Concerned Citizen