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Subject: GTA WEST CORRIDOR/HWY 413 E.1 / F.4.2

Mayors & Regional Councillors;

My name is Louisa Santoro. I've been a resident of York Region since 1981, residing at 117 Belsite Crt, Kleinburg. If you google earth and put in my address, you will see that approx 904 feet from my backyard patio, right after the treeline. I have all forest as my backyard with beautiful wildlife, deer, different species of birds, turtles geese and REDBACK SALAMANDER, which is listed as a SPECIALLY PROTECTED AMPHIBIAN under the ONTARIO FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION and that is why I ask you to ask the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR HWY 413.

This proposed Hwy 413 would also have a significant impact on the environment, running through the Greenbelt and prime agricultural land. It would disrupt nearly 100 waterways, 10 different species at risk and hundreds of acres of vulnerable wildlife habitat (TRCA HAS SAID). Nearly every municipality along the route of the proposed Hwy 413 has reversed their support or joined calls for OTTAWA to intervene. Did you know that YORK REGION alone generates in AGRIFOOD, 57,000 permanent jobs and 2.7 BILLION IN REVENUE. WE NEED FARMLAND TO GROW LOCAL FOOD!!

Have you considered putting money towards bettering the transit system? What about Electric trains? This proposed Hwy 413 will be competing with the 407. It will lose money. You need to better utilize the 407. Research suggest building new roads attracts more drivers but doesn't improve congestion. Also, the cost of this proposed Hwy 413 will not be 6 Billion, it would be close to 20 Billion!! In closing I ask York Region Council to pass the motion to support a full Federal Environmental Assessment for Hwy 413 and for the Bradford Bypass which would bulldoze straight through the Holland Marsh. We need your support Also I urge you to move a motion to oppose Hwy 413!!!

Thank you

Louisa Santoro, resident of Kleinburg