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Region of York
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F.2 Updated Draft Regional Official Plan Reflecting October 21, 2021 Council Growth Management Direction

Dear Chair and Members of Council,

The updated Draft Regional Official follows provincial policy. At the same time other Regional governments are challenging provincial policy which locks 30 years of expensive sprawling growth. Ontario is in a recession and the Region of York is locking us into a growth model that is expensive for taxpayers and fails to take meaningful action on climate change.

Council could lead on climate change by supporting transit in existing urban areas rather than using promised transit to facilitate growth into the Greenbelt. You could show leadership by protecting the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine and promoting walkable communities that are better for our health and our quality of life.

You have a choice. I encourage you to listen to public comments and adopt changes to the draft plan that support a more progressive and hopeful vision for our communities. Following backward provincial policy may only serve to energize and inspire new leaders with a more progressive vision; leaders that support a strong prosperous long-term approach to economic development that benefits the whole community.

Respectfully,

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