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To: Regional Clerk <ClerkGeneralLine@york.ca>

Subject: Bradford Bypass

York Region Council.

I am mystified by the claim of the Ford government that the Bradford Bypass is needed to facilitate the movement of farm produce. Much of the Holland Marsh lies south of Bradford and much of the vegetable handling infrastructure is in Bradford. I don't see how building a bypass north of Bradford, through environmentally sensitive wetlands and productive farms, will be of economic benefit to the farming community.

I am an avid bird watcher and it frustrates me that this planned bypass is being done without an up to date environmental assessment. This is the Ford government's method of operating, stick a ministerial zoning order on any project and avoid learning about endangered species and sensitive habitat. Once the sensitive habitat is gone and the species at risk are extirpated there is no bringing about a recovery without spending copious amounts of money. I did the 2001-2005 Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas and am currently engaged in the 2021-2025 atlas. The changes that have taken place in the previous 20 years are startling and the pace of change continues. Green spaces are disappearing almost before your eyes. You know this as you are responsible for development plans throughout York Region.

Please add your voices to a call to end this senseless destruction of wetland habitat necessary for the health of already ailing Lake Simcoe.

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