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**Vaughan, Ontario**

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**RE: Proposed Highway 413**

**Dear Mayor Bevilacqua and Councillors,**

My family resides in the area of <personal information removed> . We built our dream home there almost 15 years ago. We purchased this property because of the natural beauty, it lies next to TRCA lands with a dense forest and ravine and the Humber River runs only a few hundred metres from our home. **The proposed Highway 413 will run less than <personal information removed> of our property, on the opposite end of the <personal information removed> that are next to our property!**

It is extremely disappointing to hear that the Provincial Government is proposing to proceed with constructing Highway 413. It is extremely disappointing that you have shown support for this Highway. I strongly encourage you to put an end to your misguided support of this Highway.

**As you are aware, Mississauga, Halton Region, Orangeville, Halton Hills and Halton Region have all chosen to oppose Highway 413 based on local opposition or are in various stages of opposing the highway with a desire to gain a better understanding through an Environmental Assessment by the Federal Government.**

As a resident and taxpayer of Vaughan, I am asking the following at your Vaughan Council Meeting on March 2, 2021:

1. That you support a request for an Environmental Assessment by the Federal Government, and,
2. That you reverse Vaughan Council's support of the proposed Highway and require the Provincial Government to fully assess the solutions identified in the 2018 Independent Advisory Report commissioned by the former Provincial Liberal Party.

You must stop and consider the alternatives including the recommendations in the expert advisory panel report which led to the cancellation of this Highway in 2018, such as greater use and enhancement of public transit like the construction of the many new GO stations that were approved in 2018 and better utilization of Highway 407 which is close to Hwy 413 and is currently under-utilized for commercial and general transportation. The report outlined a number of reasons this Highway was not the right solution for addressing traffic across the GTA West Region (including Vaughan) and provided recommendations for follow up.

**I strongly urge all of you to support the request for an Environmental Assessment by the Federal Government and reverse Vaughan Council's support for Highway 413.**

**Tony Kiru**