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Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons
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Dear Minister Wilkinson,

RE: Requests for a federal environmental assessment for Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass

I write today to bring further attention to a number of e-mails I have received that your office has been copied on from my constituents who are asking that the Ontario government's planned Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass be subject to a federal environmental assessment, under section s.9(1) of the Impact Assessment Act.

They share concerns about the potential damage the construction of these 400-series highways may cause to marshlands, such as the Holland Marsh, watersheds, forests, and other environmental features along the proposed construction lines of both the proposed Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass lines. They also share concerns that the Province has exempted standard environmental assessments on archaeological resources, stormwater management, hydrogeological systems, noise, and compliance monitoring.

I trust that you will review their letters and give their request the attention it deserves. I would also appreciate if you could advise whether the Federal government has any plans to intervene with an IAA assessment prior to the construction of the of the 413 and Bradford Bypass lines?

I thank you for your consideration and look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

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