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**To:** [Wilkinson, Jonathan - M.P.](#) <Jonathan.Wilkinson@parl.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Highway 413

April 12, 2021

Dear Honourable Federal Environment Minister Jonathan Wilkinson,

The residents of Ontario, including myself, have experienced ongoing issues with Premier Doug Ford's governance since the beginning of his tenure when he slashed Toronto City Council's members by half for what appeared to be personal reasons, right up to his government's mishandling of the current Covid-19 pandemic.

The latest and most harmful controversy to Ontarians is the Premier's newest onslaught; the construction of Highway 413, which will cost taxpayers some 30 billion dollars, and cause the destruction of our wetlands by paving over farmland and ecologically sensitive areas, and obliterating the natural habitat of birds and other animals.

The previous Provincial Liberal Government evaluated this same highway, but after intense review, Liberals listened to the experts regarding total costs and push back from the taxpayers, and decided to shelve this project, further identifying that this new highway would only save a few minutes of travel time from the current roads/highways system in place.

The amount of concrete needed to build Highway 413 would be enormous. The manufacture of concrete is the second highest contributor to CO2 emissions and would undoubtedly have a detrimental impact on our climate.

In the interest of saving our climate, and regardless of Premier Ford's best efforts to derail our federal government's position on a climate tax (costing Ontario taxpayers some 30 million dollars in court costs), I am asking you to assert your jurisdiction over the environmental assessment process and the prospect of potential financial gains by certain people and or companies, by stopping construction of Highway 413.

It's sad to say, but Premier Ford seems to abuse his powers, and does not appear to listen to the majority of Ontarians on this issue and others, and may indeed get a wake-up call in the next Provincial election.

In the United States, President Biden has listened to his experts and has decided not to build new infrastructure (highways) but to repair existing highways, roads, and bridges.

Ontarians desperately need your assistance, as our Premier has decided to help his friends (developers and contributors) rather than the majority of Ontarians who are opposed to Highway 413.

I appreciate your time in this matter, and I look forward to a positive outcome for Ontarians from you and our Federal Liberal Government.

Minister Wilkinson, let's save our planet beginning here in Ontario and let your Government set the example for all to follow.

Sincerely,

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