



April 16, 2021

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Fontaine Building, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Gatineau QC K1A 0H3

Dear Minister Wilkinson:

Re: The Need for a Federal Environmental Assessment for the proposed GTA West Corridor:

The Peel Federation of Agriculture represents 384 Farm Business Registrants in the Region of Peel. As the vast majority of lands required for the GTA West Corridor are in the Region of Peel, there is perhaps no group more profoundly impacted by this provincial infrastructure initiative than the farmers in Peel.

Our farmer members who are in close proximity to the proposed corridor have been left in limbo since the inception of the GTA West Corridor project in 2007. With their farms frozen, farmers have been reluctant to proceed with farm succession and expansion, often including capital investment. Financial institutions are reluctant to provide loans or mortgages on farms with declining income due to the development of previously rented lands to the south, in addition to the uncertain value of these farmers' holdings.

On behalf of our members in the Region of Peel, the Peel Federation of Agriculture adamantly opposes any Federal Environmental Assessment that would prolong the current timetable already established by the Province of Ontario.

Sincerely,

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Tom Dolson  
President  
Peel Federation of Agriculture

cc: MPP Sylvia Jones  
MP's - Region of Peel  
MPP's - Region of Peel  
Kathryn Lockyer, Region of Peel Clerk  
Laura Hall, Town of Caledon Clerk