As a 10 year resident, previous small business owner, and now, manager of a small family owned business in Bolton, I am disgusted at the play of the people that should be representing us. Bolton is known as the Town where businesses go to die; the pandemic is not just a nail in the coffin... it's burying small business.

I have not seen any help from Councillor Groves now, or in the past years to support us and help us get through. When I learned that Councillor Groves was ready and willing to support the motion for "levelling the playing field" for small business, without even bothering to include requests for small business, I knew I had to speak up. This is not representation, its political pandering. Maybe the Mayor of Mississauga would like to write your pay check, as you are most definitely working for her and not those who voted you in. It was the behind the scenes work of other councillors that had the motion amended to support US! But you Councillor Groves would blindly follow the mayor of Mississauga without questioning what that might mean for us in Bolton and Caledon East that at this moment, can't even open our shop doors!

In an email to Mayor Crombie on Wednesday November 26th you wrote, and I quote, "Excellent idea, I will second if you need a seconder." Even after members of Mississauga council replied saying it was not the right way to support small business!

To those of you listening please don't worry as she doesn't pick favourites! This past weekend, all over social media it was very clear that Councillor Groves not only sold out local business but her entire community. My question to you Councillor Groves is this; if you are ok with 3 seats at the table, will you be the first to give yours up?