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Mayor Thompson and Members Of Council

It is with great regret that we find ourselves communicating on a matter of such sensitivity.

On Saturday Feb 13 The Toronto Star featured a story by Paul Webster entitled "Doug Ford's planned superhighway is a 'slam dunk' for developers".

We are a 7 generation family farm that has had the good fortune through careful stewardship and dedication to carry on an agricultural operation since 1835 with a base at the same location on Mississauga Rd.

We were quite alarmed by an uninvited intrusion onto one of our properties on Tuesday Feb 9 of this year by members of the Toronto Star apparently seeking a photo op to further a narrative regarding the Provinces plan to build some form of transportation infrastructure in an area south of our location at the corner of Old School Rd and Mississauga.

Our suspicions were confirmed on Saturday morning when a neighbour sent a picture to us that included a member of the community, identified as Jenni Le Forestier, standing in front of our implement shed that contains pieces of farm equipment. It would seem that by the time we found the trespassing parties they had already achieved their objective. We are most offended by this malicious and uncaring act.

For the record we did not invite this type of intrusion into our lives. We believe we have been dedicated contributors to our community and resent the insinuation in the article that we are less than such.

People should understand that when Dalton McGuinty and the Liberal government drew a line on the map he set the stage for what was to come. Our Family decisions are ours and ours alone and are made based on the hand we have been dealt.

David Lyons on behalf of the Lyons Family

