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As a resident of the Town of Caledon, I request that the Town of Caledon Council oppose the development of the GTA West Corridor/Highway 413.

The arguments from those who oppose the 413 are well known and should be well understood by now, and they include:

- increased loss of prime agricultural lands and resulting impacts on food security for local communities and the province
- destruction of wetlands and adverse impacts on waterways and the biodiversity that all they support
- species at risk as well as all lifeforms that will be destroyed as a result of the highway development
- unresolved traffic congestion as a result of induced demand
- increased greenhouse gas emissions
- the economies of off-loading demand to the 407 ETR through subsidies vs. incurring the financial, ecological and environmental one time and on-going costs

I've heard some Council members express support for Highway 413 based on a belief that not building Highway 413 would result in significant incremental costs to the Town of Caledon for road expansion or development to handle planned population increases. However, it is very unclear to me how the absence of a major 400 Series highway running across the southern boundary of the Town would increase demand on the roadways that the Town is responsible for.

Please take a stand for the future of our Town and other impacted municipalities and our environment, and oppose Highway 413.

Yours truly,  
Alan Axworthy  
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