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Dear Mayor Thompson and Caledon Councillors,

Given the massive resistance from citizens, groups and governments to building Highway 413 (GTA West Corridor), I am writing to ask that you oppose this highway and support the exploration into alternatives to this highway. I am deeply concerned about the impact of climate change on our community, our province and our planet. This highway will only exacerbate climate change by destroying sensitive environmental areas, and unleashing the kind of development that puts more cars on roads.

Study after study has shown that the solution to traffic and gridlock is not more roads, but public transit and walkable communities. I have heard many of you talk about needing this highway and the resulting single family subdivisions due to projected high population growth numbers. I have also heard you say that the White Belt will be developed no matter what. If these things are true, then why not plan for this in a way that will create interesting, walkable and transit friendly communities, housing people of various income levels in the most environmentally friendly way possible? Rather than this highway, let's create boulevards and roads. Instead of single family homes, how about multi-use housing comprised of town houses, low rise buildings, apartments above shops, etc. This walkable area could have parks and urban community farms, etc.

Please reject Highway 413 and look at alternatives that would contribute to everyone's quality of life and our planet.

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