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Mayor Steven Del Duca  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
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RE: Partnering to Reduce the Impacts of Illegal Land Use Along our Shared Border

Dear Steven

The dramatic increase in illegal land use, specifically around truck and container yards along and near our shared border, has raised significant concerns for resident safety and wellbeing, including congestion, noise, air quality and quality of life. These yards are also visual blight on the landscape along our boundary.

This illegal use is fueled by demand for consumer goods, as almost all goods in our communities are delivered by truck. These trucks and containers need to be stored somewhere, and as you know, bad actors take advantage of this opportunity to pack hundreds and sometimes thousands of trucks and shipping containers onto lands zoned for agriculture or residential, seemingly overnight.

Caledon Councillor Tony Rosa delegated to your Council on this topic on Feb. 13, 2024 and York Region Council on May 9, 2024. Our enforcement teams collaborate regularly, and I know senior staff from Caledon, Vaughan and Brampton will be meeting later this week to coordinate efforts.

The Albion/Vaughan Line and Peel Regional Road 50 are important connectors for both Bolton and Kleinburg/Nashville area residents. These roads are already at capacity, and the issue of road safety is at the forefront in our town.

As you may know, Caledon delegated to the Province's Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy in July, and that report will be tabled at Queen's Park once the Fall session begins. Our presentation compelled the committee to add illegal

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truck and container yards to their study on unlicensed event venues, another area of mutual concern.

The time is now to galvanize our partnership, both at the staff and political levels, to advance changes to the Municipal Act and the Provincial Planning Statement to combat illegal land use. We know the Province will be taking steps to empower municipalities to address bad actors in these industries. Let's focus on working together to accelerate action that improves the well-being of the people we serve.

Sincerely,



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