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Dear Mr. Wright:

I am appalled by the Metrolinx proposal, which disrespects the health of Toronto citizens, who rely on the dwindling green space in Toronto that your proposal threatens to further imperil. Throughout the pandemic--which persists today—Torontonians such as myself seek refuge and find joy in walking through the lower Don Valley to spend time with friends and to recharge, during this stressful time where indoor venues remain risky. For the past few weeks, for instance, public health authorities have strongly advised against meeting indoors because of a “tripledeemic”; therefore, the Metrolinx proposal to build tracks, roads, parking, and so on, will take a toll on the mental and physical health of city dwellers. Because many of us can’t go to the gym for obvious reasons, your proposal interferes with a healthy exercise route that is especially restorative because we all benefit from being in nature. It’s also unconscionable to remove habitat for vulnerable ravine flora and fauna. In this regard, do note that the same people who are protesting Premier Ford’s proposed destruction of the Greenbelt, will feel see you and your board in the same light. Your reputation will suffer from misuse of public land on shrinking urban green space.

Please rethink your strategy and come up with an alternative that isn’t destructive.

Yours sincerely,

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