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Sent: Monday, November 06, 2006 8:26 PM

Subject: Go Transit Expansion Georgetown-Pearson to Union Station via Weston

Dear Mr Berlin

I am sending you this brief note to inform you that I and my neighbours are totally opposed to this plan using this proposed route. It doesn't make sense to sacrifice our community for the sake of other communities. This plan will devastate our properties, community, way of life and our environment. The plan is flawed because it targets an elite group of businessmen who can afford a high speed transport through the communities that it will degrade. The proposal does not serve the majority of people who work everyday at the airport who cannot afford such an expensive form of transportation. It would make more sense and relieve more traffic if an Eglington subway line was finally created (not left to be filled in again) which would divert a great deal of traffic away from the airport area. After travelling extensively in Europe, I am so impressed with their integrated system of transit which integrates public transit to a much better degree. Pouring billions of dollars into an unused and environmentally damaging proposal is a waste of the taxpayers money and will do little to solve the problems in the area. McCormick Rankin Corp. project is another example of governments that are thinking only short term and seem to benefit private corporations rather than serve the public good. I am amazed that this proposal has even gone this far. The project will only divide the town of Weston and degrade the environment, ruin our property values and enhance urban decay. I can only imagine the sight of concrete and ugly chain link fencing that will be literally in my backyard. My seven year old home sits along the side of the railway which is divided by a wooden fence. These homes were built as a step in renewing the area of Weston. These home should never have been allowed to be built if plans were being made for this project. The plan is ill conceived and lacks forethought. Even now townhomes are being built along the route in Weston. Pour the billions of dollars into much needed public transit subway system and not on deals with the private sector which will cause more harm than good. It seems that several levels of government have fallen around this and other issues. The Federal Liberal Party has fallen out of power, some say because they had lost touch with the wishes of the voters. The local Federal MP has resigned in this area. The local councillor Frances Nunziata is also under fire due to her initial half-hearted opposition to the issue of the Blue 22. Will your government listen to the wishes of the Weston Community? We are a community not a corridor. Please remember that. Our business area needs renewal not isolation from the residences. I have lived in this area for 40 years and I am most disappointed in the direction that this area is going in. Surely you will listen to the voices of the people who live here.

Sincerely

Mr. D. Geras