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Executive Committee
City of Toronto
10th floor, West Tower, City Hall
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Dear Members of the Executive Committee,

Neighbourhood Unitarian Universalist Congregation is writing to you about possible jets at the Billy Bishop Airport on the Toronto Island.

Our congregation is a growing faith community in the east end of Toronto. We are concerned about jets impacting negatively on the east waterfront. We join with others in our concerns about noise and pollution. We also fear that the growing avian community on the Leslie Spit will face negative impacts to migration and breeding, if jets are allowed at the Island Airport.

People living close to this airport, including those on the lakeshore and the Toronto island community, will be directly impacted by noise, pollution and increased vehicle traffic. Runway expansion will also have a negative impact on boaters and more. The City of Toronto should not pay for the high costs for infrastructure improvements, which will be in the many millions. A lot of these costs are still unknown.

The vision for waterfront renewal cannot include noisy jets. Rather, we want to see this area of our city continue to become a place for positive recreation, mixed housing and compatible business to be enjoyed by all. Many low-income people use the waterfront and the Toronto Island for recreation as they can't afford to go out of town. Noisy jets are not conducive to recreation. More jobs can also be created at a lower cost to the City through sustainable waterfront renewal than through airport expansion.

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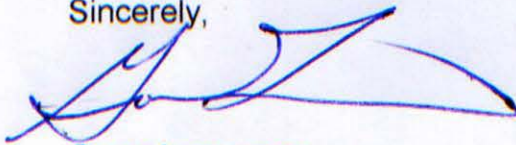


We are in the midst of a global climate crisis, and air travel is the most polluting form of transport. It should thus not be further expanded. Furthermore, the

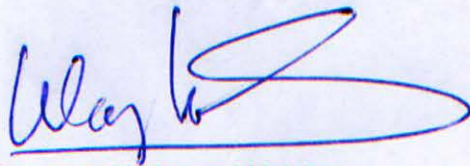
Pearson rail link is soon to be completed, and will allow people to get to Pearson Airport more easily.

Our faith community welcomes more dialogue on this issue. We are pleased to discuss these matters further.

Sincerely,



Gwen Lannaman
Board President



Reverend Wayne Walder
Minister

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