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Mayor Rob Ford and Members of Council,
Toronto Ontario,
City Hall, 12th Floor West Tower,
100 Queen Street West,
M5N 2H2.

Dear Mayor Ford and Members of Council,

Re: PG19.6 – Sterling Road Refusal Report

The Toronto Industry Network is writing to ask that you approve the recommendation of the November 8, 2012, Planning and Growth Management Committee that endorsed the staff refusal report regarding the application to amend the Official Plan and zoning for 158, 164, 181 and 200 Sterling Road.

To allow new residences to be built in close proximity to the Nestlé facility at 72 Sterling Road would almost certainly guarantee the closure of the plant costing 450 full-time and 135 part-time jobs. It is also certain that the full-timers would not be able to find comparable replacement jobs.

You should know that while Toronto has a very viable food cluster anchored in large part by the Redpath Sugar refinery, many manufacturers in our City are under threat because of sensitive uses such as residences, schools and places of worship in close proximity to their facilities.

Toronto has a very finite amount of land suitable for manufacturing activities and this must be protected as an extremely valuable asset to the City in terms of employment and the revenue streams from these businesses that benefit all wards of our City.

I thank you taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Andrew Judge,
President, Toronto Industry Network

cc. Tim Brown, President and CEO, Nestlé Canada Inc.