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Honourable Laurel Broten
Member of Provincial Parliament Etobicoke Lakeshore
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Dear Minister Broten,

The recent decision by Mondeléz Canada to close the former Christie Bakery at 2150 Lake Shore Blvd W has sent shockwaves through our community with the loss of 550 jobs. At the same time, Mondeléz has proposed, under Toronto's Official Plan Review, that the site be considered for uses other than Employment Lands.

The plant is located on a site that is part of the Toronto Employment Lands and currently zoned for industrial use. Retaining employment land and stimulating investment is important to the City's future economic prosperity, competitiveness and long-term fiscal sustainability. To improve environmental quality by limiting urban sprawl and its ability to continue to provide high quality jobs and generate wealth is the city's goal. Toronto's Employment Districts currently accommodate about 30% of the citywide employment. The entire supply of land in the City's Employment Districts will be required to achieve the growth forecast target in Toronto's Official Plan.

I am committed to doing whatever it takes to keep high-quality jobs and high-quality employers in the South Etobicoke community. In partnership with City of Toronto staff, my colleagues on Council and other levels of government, I am willing to work to ensure that our community continues to be a leader in revitalization and a viable place to do business.

With the Ontario Food Terminal, the largest wholesale fruit and produce distribution centre in Canada, being adjacent to the site, this twenty-seven acre property has large and significant Provincial Interest. The Government of Ontario promotes provincial interests, such as protecting farmland, natural resources and the environment, as well as promoting development that is designed to be sustainable, supportive of public transit and economically beneficial to the region.

As the local member of provincial parliament for Etobicoke Lakeshore, I am looking forward to you joining me in this endeavour to protect this site that has significant public interests. I am asking that the Province exercise its authority as per Section 23.1 of the Ontario Planning act, which allow for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to propose this site be protected in the official plan due to the significant provincial interests.

I look forward to discussing this issue with you and thank you for your support of the community.

Sincerely,



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