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Councillor Peter Milczyn
Chair, Planning and Growth Management Committee
10th Floor, West Tower, City Hall
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Dear Councillor Milczyn:

Nestlé is proud to operate a factory at 72 Sterling Road which has been a chocolate factory since 1886. We employ 430 full time employees and 135 part time employees, running our operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We're able to run our operation successfully because we are located in an employment district. We feel strongly that employment lands such as those surrounding our factory must be preserved. We completely support the recommendations of the Chief Planner and Executive Director of City Planning to refuse the conversion of employment lands and maintain these lands for non-residential use.

As indicated in the report, Employment Areas are vitally important to the City of Toronto. They contain 30 per cent of all the jobs in the city and 40 per cent of the export-oriented wealth creating jobs.

Employment areas are a finite resource and it is imperative to retain these lands for future manufacturing, to ensure a stable environment for existing manufacturing operations, to maintain the city's diverse economic base and to ensure a healthy balance between housing and jobs.

Our factory has been operating for over 125 years and we enjoy being part of this community. We plan to continue to be part of the community but we do have a limited capacity to take on new costs and limitations on our ability to operate in this very competitive food industry.

We support the recommendations of the Planning Department to protect employment lands and ensure that long standing businesses like Nestlé can continue to contribute to the economy, employment and fabric of this city.

Thank you for your time and giving us the opportunity to express our point of view.

Sincerely,

Catherine O'Brien

Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Nestlé Canada

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