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Dear Chair and Committee,

I am writing in regards to the Official Plan Amendment application and the Zoning Amendment application for 158, 164, 181, and 200 Sterling Road.

Over the past couple of weeks, my office has received many emails and calls from Davenport residents who are concerned about the approval of this current proposal.

Residents want to protect the 500 good, local jobs at the Nestle factory that come with pensions, benefits and job security. Residents are also excited by the prospect of seeing community renewal along the West Toronto Railpath. I share these concerns with my constituents.

I understand that the Chief Planner and Executive Director of the City Planning Division have found that the current application is not consistent with provincial policies to protect employment lands. The recent announcement that the nearby Christie Bakery is closing its doors and eliminating 550 manufacturing jobs in our city is cause for concern in this case.

It is imperative to the future growth of our great city that we take a balanced approach to planning our neighbourhoods so that they are good places to live, work and play. Achieving this balance will require thorough consultation with all stakeholders in the community—residents, businesses, workers, developers, government, elected representatives and community organizations.

I hope that the committee will demonstrate a commitment to the long term growth and health of our communities and support comprehensive plans that will benefit our neighbourhoods and protect good local jobs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Schein', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jonah Schein  
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