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# The Toronto Industry Network

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**E-MAILED**

Mayor John Tory and Members of Council,  
City of Toronto,  
100 Queen Street West,  
Toronto, Ontario,  
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Dear Mayor Tory and Council,

**Re: Item PW4.1 - The Gardiner Debate**

The Toronto Industry Network is writing to request that you vote in favour of the Hybrid option for the following reasons:

1. The Official Plan projects that Toronto's population will grow to three million people by 2031. Not all of those people will take public transit. A robust public transit system accompanied by an expressway system that includes the east Gardiner is what the city will need to make it liveable.
2. The Gardiner-Don Valley route is the conduit for thousands of trucks annually carrying finished goods and for employees commuting to their manufacturing jobs. Taking down the east Gardiner would inflict a significant time penalty to those who drive rather than face long public transit trips. Removing the Gardiner will not help Toronto's manufacturing community compete.
3. Toronto has the good fortune to have a ring road that provides choice of routing. Why would we want to break up this very important transportation asset?
4. A vote to remove the east Gardiner would send a very negative signal to our businesses and to those looking at Toronto as a place to invest.

Toronto's quality of life is important for retaining and attracting investment to our city. It is hard to see how increasing congestion will make Toronto a more attractive place to live and work.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Judge,  
President