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Mayor John Tory and Members of the
Executive Committee
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Attention: Ms. Jennifer Forkes

Dear Mayor Tory and Committee Members:

Re: EX10.23 – Rates Supported Budget – Toronto Water

The Toronto Industry Network wanted to depute today but was not permitted to do so. Instead, TIN is writing to express its deep concern about the recommendation by the Budget Committee to have the City charge for all four parameters covered under the Sewer Surcharge Agreement. We ask that this be turned down.

While this proposal affects a relatively small number of businesses, it will increase their input costs that in many cases cannot be passed along to their customers because of the current inelasticity of pricing. There seems to be no recognition by the City of the burden its water price increases are having on parts of the manufacturing community that face other costs such as electricity.

TIN was delighted to be invited to be part of the Ontario-Toronto Burden Reduction Working Group chaired by Mayor Tory and Minister Brad Duguid. This group is charged with making recommendations on ways to reduce costs while today you are considering applying another.

Toronto would be a poorer place in many ways without its manufacturing community yet the City continues to apply many pressures to manufacturers which impact their ability to operate in a cost competitive business environment. I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Andrew Judge
President