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EMAILED

Chair Joe Mihevc
and Members of The Board of Health
10th Floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Chair Mihevc and Board Members,

Re: Item HL4.4 Rapid Health Impact Assessment on the Alternative Solutions for the Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard East Reconfiguration

The Toronto Industry Network unfortunately is unable to attend today's meeting and is writing instead.

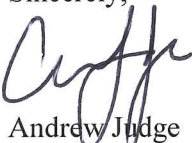
As the report was requested on May 6, 2015 and released on May 15, 2015, there has been no time provided for a public process. We ask that your committee either defer the staff report to allow for increased engagement, or to receive it. **It is concerning that issues regarding public health have been added outside of the formal study process for the Eastern Gardiner EA.** If it had been deemed a critical factor in making a decision, why was it not included in the EA terms of reference altered by Council in 2014 to include the hybrid alternative and the addition of the lenses of design, environment, economics, transportation and infrastructure?

We attended a number of public meetings and consultations on this issue and we cannot recall health issues being discussed as a specific item beyond the lenses that were examined.

Assuming a five-minute delay each way each working day for the remove option, each motorist would lose 40 hours more annually spent in traffic rather than doing something more beneficial such as participating in family time. How does that proposition improve one's mental health?

We thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


Andrew Judge
President