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To: City of Toronto Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
c/o pwic@toronto.ca

Dear Chair Robinson and Committee Members,

The Gooderham & Worts Neighbourhood Association urged last May that Council support the take-down option for the eastern portion of the Gardiner Expressway.

In accordance with Council instructions, the staff report before you only considers various options for a rebuilding of the expressway east of Cherry Street, none of which addresses the existing road in any way west of Cherry Street. We remind you that the environmental assessment terms of reference requires that it propose a solution for the highway starting at Jarvis Street.

We feel that if underside of the highway is made more attractive this requirement would not be fulfilled by any of the hybrid options it is proposed to study further. The intersection at Jarvis and Lakeshore is a dangerous nightmare for all types of traffic, including pedestrians, but with the Gardiner on and off ramps untouched, there's not much that can be done to make it safer.

We ask you to consider more fully the quality of life for all the thousands who currently live along the Gardiner from Jarvis to Cherry, in the St. Lawrence and Distillery areas and who are presently subject to its noise and air pollution. As well, please give a thought to the quality of development that will be attracted to sites north of Queen's Quay in the East Bay Front and Keating Channel West if the expressway were to be left as it is.

Sincerely,

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