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Mayor John Tory and Toronto City Councillors Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M6S 2N2

Dear Mayor Tory and Toronto City Councillors,

We support your efforts to find new revenue sources to pay for the many important environmental and social initiatives our city needs to build a healthy, green, prosperous and equitable city.

As you deliberate on what new revenue sources to rely on, we urge you to adopt **all** of the recommendations put forward by the City Manager in his November 16, 2016 report entitled "The City of Toronto's Immediate and Longer-term Revenue Strategy Direction."

We are glad to see that the Executive Committee has recommended proceeding with road tolls. However, City Council must do more. Road tolls alone will not allow City Council to meet its many financial obligations nor address the even greater financial challenges facing the city.

That is why we ask you to support **all** of the City Manager's November 16 recommendations. Together, the City Manager's recommendations will build a secure financial foundation for the city by:

- taking sound short term actions that will help finance existing city priorities in 2017 and onwards;
- exploring sound medium and long term actions that will help create the financial capacity the city needs for new, additional investments in transit and climate change actions.

We are very encouraged to see that City Council is finally having this important discussion about new revenue tools. But we urge you to adopt **all** of the City Manager's recommendations and help secure the financial and environmental future of our city.

Regards,

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