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Etobicoke-Lakeshore

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Sign Variance Committee
Scarborough Civic Centre
150 Borough Drive, 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON M1P 4N7

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

Re: Variance to Municipal Code Chapter 694 Signs, General with respect to 165 The Queensway (Ward 5)

I am writing to you to express my support for the Ontario Food Terminal (OFT).

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Etobicoke-Lakeshore, it is my duty to assist and support the economic prosperity of the area, help to maintain and attract jobs, and support key industries that sustain the local and Provincial economy.

The OFT is a lynchpin of the Etobicoke-Lakeshore community and an important job and food industry hub for the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario.

The OFT is the largest whole fruit and produce distribution centre in Canada and the third largest in North America. Serving eastern Canada and the northern United States, the OFT distributes more than 2 billion pounds of produce annually, averaging 5.5 million pounds per day.

The OFT produces more than 2,500 jobs on its 40 acre site and creates more than 40,000 indirect jobs across the City and the Province. It is central to Ontario's agri-food industry, supports small and mid-sized Ontario farmers and creates the foundation for the region's vibrant restaurants and local, independent grocers.

I recently had the pleasure of touring the OFT facility and learning about its modernization program. It is extremely important for government to create a supportive climate for environmentally sustainable, stable jobs in this community and across the province. I will be working alongside the OFT to ensure that it remains Canada's premier fresh food distribution centre and an important part of the Etobicoke-Lakeshore community.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Milczyn
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