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To: Members of the Executive Committee

From: Councillor James Pasternak, Ward 10 – York Centre

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RE: Opposing the State of New York's Proposed "Buy American" Legislation

SUMMARY:

Recently State of New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo announced a proposal that would mandate the preferential purchase of American-made products by state “entities.” Under this plan, all State of New York “entities” will be required to give preference to American-made goods and products in any new procurements more than \$100,000.

This policy could have a deeply negative impact on the economies of Toronto and Ontario due to their large volume of trade and deep integration with the state of New York.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council express its concern that the proposed New York State Buy American Act will have a negative impact on the economy of Toronto.
2. City Council request the Province of Ontario and the Federal Government to take City Council's position into account when advancing Ontario and Canada's interests and trade relationships with New York State legislators.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Councillor James Pasternak
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Chair, Community Development and Recreation Committee