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Chair, Economic Development
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Toronto City Councillor
Scarborough Centre, Ward 37

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Councillor Maria Augimeri and Members of North York Community Council
North York Civic Centre
Main Floor, 5700 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario M2N 5V7

Attention: Ms. Francine Adamo

Re: NY 23.8

Dear Councillors:

I am writing to ask that you recommend to City Council the approval of Sanofi Pasteur's re-zoning application for a new vaccine manufacturing facility at its Connaught Campus.

Last year, the Sanofi Toronto site won a major competition with its sister plants around the world to become the sole manufacturer of the Adacel family of vaccines for world-wide distribution. To meet its new global mandate, the company, already the largest pharmaceutical manufacturer in the GTA, plans to construct a \$500 million, 15,500m², state-of-the-art manufacturing facility.

This is exactly the type of investment the city needs. The company estimates that 1,500 trade workers will be employed during construction of the facility. But this economic activity is dwarfed by the project's long-term economic impact. The new facility will solidify Sanofi's future in Toronto, and retain its highly skilled jobs in the City. Similarly, many local supply chain and support enterprises rely on Sanofi for a significant portion of their revenue.

I understand the staff review accepts with conditions the re-zoning application addressing building siting and setback issues. It also allows a partial removal of the 'H' provision dealing with trunk sewer capacity.

Your support for this project will help to expedite a major investment in North York, and provide a significant boost to Toronto's economic future.

Yours truly,

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