



April 15, 2019

Mayor John Tory
Office of the Mayor
100 Queen St. W. 2nd Floor
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Tory:

On behalf of the Toronto Region Board of Trade (the Board) and our more than 13,500 members, I write with concern about potential changes to the Noise By-Law that could pose a risk to Toronto's ability to rapidly grow our housing supply. Several members of the Board in construction trades work and the development industry have brought their concerns about removing the exemption for continuous concrete pouring to our attention.

The Toronto Region Board of Trade also shares the concerns of many residents in our increasingly urbanized environment about the need to control noise and limit urban disruption. Indeed, many residents near construction sites are our members, our employees, and member firms' employees.

As you are aware, the housing supply situation remains urgent, as does the need to build more heavy infrastructure in Toronto. We know that your office is committed to increasing housing supply of all types, and for all income levels, to attack the housing crisis. You do so with our full support. Any barriers that slow down construction and make it more expensive pose a risk to the success of these efforts. Further, prolonged construction periods may mean that traffic lanes are also blocked longer than necessary, making congestion worse and lessening Toronto's prosperity.

In order to maintain Toronto's economic momentum, the Board asks that City Council direct MLS staff to consult more carefully with industry and stakeholders to identify a solution that meets residents' needs while getting much-needed housing on the market more quickly. We hope some alternative means can be explored to mitigate noise challenges in a manner flexible enough to avoid the risk of slowing down construction.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Douglas Goold'.

Douglas Goold
Vice President Policy

Cc: Ulli Watkiss, City Clerk
Chris Murray, City Manager