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Attn: Toronto and East York Community Council Subcommittee on Ontario Place

RE: Ontario Place Redevelopment

I'm writing on behalf of Cycle Toronto, a member-supported not-for-profit organization that works to make Toronto a healthy, safe and vibrant cycling city for all. Our organization is focused on advocacy, education and encouragement, as we work to shape policy and infrastructure, and build community to transform our city's cycling culture. We engage a diversity of people in our work, pursuing evidence-based solutions that make cycling a viable option for all Torontonians. We represent 3000 members.

Our interest in the potential Ontario Place redevelopment is to ensure that the public multi-use trails remain free and available to the public, which serve as an essential connection to Toronto's waterfront from Etobicoke to the west and the Portlands to the east. From an active mobility perspective, recent Ontario Place revitalization efforts led to the creation of Trillium Park and the 1.3 kilometre William G Davis Trail. This trail, along with the existing Martin Goodman Trail, helps to provide access to Ontario Place and the waterfront for people who are walking, wheeling and biking, benefiting their health, their access to work and other destinations, and providing recreational opportunities. We do not support any proposed development at Ontario Place that would put the accessibility of these trails at risk.

Any plans to revitalize Ontario Place and adjacent land should also ensure that the Martin Goodman Trail – a key part of Toronto's cycling network which supports thousands of riders a day – remains open for public use. When considering redevelopment of Ontario Place, we urge you to ensure thorough consultation with local stakeholders, which includes the Martin Goodman Trail.

Feel free to reach out should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared Kolb".

Jared Kolb, Executive Director
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