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Dear Mayor Tory,

Our community strongly supports the expansion of winter clearing of sidewalks across central Toronto. Even in normal years this is the right thing to do, as it allows people in communities like ours with high rates of transit use, walking and biking to get around safely during the winter. But especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, keeping our streets accessible for seniors, parents with children, and people with accessibility needs is even more critical - to allow people to move safely, to visit our businesses, and to reduce the rate of slip-and-fall injuries from sending vulnerable people to overcrowded hospitals.

And most of all, clearing our streets actually makes economic sense - it reduces the City's liability payouts for slip-and-fall injuries, and it benefits our businesses and workspaces by letting people shop and get to work safely and on time.

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