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Attention: Nancy Martins

## **PH19.2 Development in Proximity to Rail: Draft Official Plan Amendment and Proposed Zoning Amendment Approach**

Dear Chair Ana Bailão, and Members of Planning and Housing Committee

This is to advise of our support for this report and its recommendations to consult widely on its proposals.

We note the report's reference to the extensive network of rail networks in Toronto; all wards in the city except one (Willowdale) being affected. Accordingly, we recommend that the consultation involve all residents' associations.

We also note that the report makes no mention of SafeRail, which is a national grass roots organization addressing safety matters in communities adjacent to rail lines. We suggest that this group be considered as a key stakeholder in the consultation.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours truly,

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