Planning and Housing Committee City of Toronto 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2 June 29, 2023

Subject: Request to Not Approve Official Plan Amendment (OPA 688) and Conduct an Expedited Study for Redefining Areas of Employment

Dear Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment (OPA 688) and its potential impact on landowners and businesses in our community.

First and foremost, I object to draft OPA 668 and kindly request that the Planning and Housing Committee not approve the Official Plan Amendment. This amendment, as currently proposed, would lead to unintended consequences and would unjustly hinder the activities and expansion of office, retail and institutional uses on our property. It is important to carefully evaluate the potential repercussions and consider alternative solutions that better reflect the needs and goals of our community.

Instead, I strongly urge the Committee to direct planning staff to conduct an expedited study to redefine the geographic employment areas across the City of Toronto.

This study should aim to align with the Provincial directives and ensure that our Official Plan's maps accurately reflect the intended purpose and designation of these areas. By conducting a thorough analysis and engaging all relevant stakeholders, we can develop a revised plan that needed protection for core employment uses while providing opportunity for businesses to expand and contribute to the creation of vibrant communities.

It is imperative that this study be carried out promptly to provide clarity and stability for our community. By addressing these concerns in a timely manner, we can encourage economic growth, innovation, and responsible land use planning.

I kindly request that the Planning and Housing Committee consider this submission involve the affected landowners and businesses throughout the process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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