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Councillor Gord Perks,  
Chair of the Planning & Housing Committee,  
Toronto City Hall,  
100 Queen Street West,  
Toronto, Ontario,  
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Attn: Ms. Nancy Martins

Dear Councillor Perks and Members of the Planning and Housing Committee:

**Re: PH12.7 - City Comments on Proposed Bill 185 - Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024, Provincial Planning Statement 2024, and New Minister Zoning Order framework**

Given the understandably short commenting timeframe, we are writing in general support of the staff recommendations in Appendixes 1 and 3. However, we have not had the time to closely examine each proposal.

Regarding Bill 185, we support the staff recommendation that third party appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) continue to be permitted. Other than the support of a City Council, this is one of the few tools our members have to oppose conversion proposals near our facilities.

In order to operate a manufacturing facility in Toronto, our members need some certainty that the surrounding land uses will be compatible with their operations. Uncertainty jeopardizes re-investment which is essential for maintaining manufacturing in our City.

Sincerely,

Craig McLuckie,  
President