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July 10, 2024

Councillor Gord Perks and Members  
of the Planning & Housing Committee,  
Toronto City Hall,  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

**Attention: Nancy Martins, Administrator**

Dear Councillor Perks and Committee Members:

**Re: PH14.2 - Our Plan Toronto: Recommendations on Three Employment Area Conversion Requests**

The Toronto Industry Network (TIN) continues to be opposed to conversion requests that remove employment lands and the opportunity for manufacturing and allied businesses to come to Toronto or expand their operations here.

One needs a good job to be able to live affordably in Toronto. Many TIN members offer entry level jobs to Grade 12 graduates that start at \$60,000 annually plus benefits which means they can live here if they wish. Good, well-paying jobs are an important part of the solution to the current housing challenge.

Further, it is really important to make products here that we in Toronto and Canada can use. Examples include vaccines, paper products, asphalt, concrete, food processing, silicone, fibreglass, chemicals, etc. The manufacturing community supports a complex, interdependent network of both large and smaller suppliers and direct customers. Post COVID, long distance supply chains are still compromised and given the extremely volatile world situation, it is critical we manufacture here.

It is sometimes said that manufacturing is in decline in Toronto. This is hardly the case. The vacancy rate for employment areas is zero. When manufacturers search for additional space to locate or expand their facilities, they must compete with developers and other wanting to locate on employment lands.

Employment areas are finite and it is shocking to consider that if all the conversion requests under the current Municipal Comprehensive Review were approved, 685 hectares or 8.5% of all

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Employment Lands would be lost forever. The staff report rightly points out that there is sufficient land available for housing elsewhere in our City to accommodate projected housing needs to 2051. Allowing a little bit of employment lands here and there to be converted is the easy road and hastens the decline of our City through the loss of job opportunities. It is the death of a thousand cuts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig McLuckie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig McLuckie,  
President