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Dear Members of Council,

I am writing regarding the ongoing debate about the proposed rapid bus lanes on Bathurst Street, particularly between Bloor and Dupont, an area that is not only vital for our operations but essential to the livelihoods of many local businesses that will be directly and adversely impacted.

As the owner of Summerhill Market, a Toronto institution with a 70-year legacy and over 520 employees, I can speak with confidence about our economic contributions. We inject tens of millions of dollars to the city annually and support hundreds of local suppliers and small businesses from Scarborough to Etobicoke. Our continued ability to do so depends on practical, balanced urban planning decisions.

Independent studies have clearly shown that the proposed bus lanes north of Bloor Street will not produce meaningful improvements in southbound transit times.

Additionally, there have been two motions that thoughtfully consider the impact on the community and propose moderate adjustments, allowing room for future considerations.

The stretch between Bloor and Dupont presents unique and substantial logistical challenges. These are not minor irritants, they are operational impediments that, if left unaddressed, will place our Bathurst Street location and similar businesses at serious risk. The original plan, as proposed by RapidTO, would make it effectively impossible for us to operate. Customer and supplier vehicle access is not optional; it is essential to the nature of our business and many others in this corridor.

We have engaged in this process in good faith and have refrained from public commentary until now. However, faced with the growing momentum behind a one-size-fits-all approach, I must state plainly: adopting RapidTO's proposal in its original form could result in the closure of our Bathurst Street store. This is not rhetoric, it is a statement of operational reality.

I welcome the opportunity to provide context and discuss these concerns in greater detail with members of council and city staff, and I urge you to support Councillor Saxe's motion MM32.6 - Speeding up Transit in Ward 11, and the transit priority plan approved at Executive Committee on July 16 as well. I commend Councillor Saxe for her thoughtful efforts to balance business realities with transit priorities in this process.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

