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

Attention: Ms. Nancy Martins

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

RE: PH18.5 - Housing Action Plan: Avenues Policy Review - Decision Report

The Toronto Industry Network is writing in support of the staff report regarding the Avenues Policy Review as it pertains to avenues that run adjacent to employment areas.

One of the biggest challenges in operating a manufacturing facility in Toronto is that of land use compatibility where sensitive uses such as housing impact the operations of industrial facilities. Manufacturing operations are often segregated from residential uses because some of these facilities are emitters and frequently operate 24/7.

It is important that the manufacturing community function in a supportive environment that minimizes conflict and costs, both of which are important considerations when companies have to make important decisions about re-investing in their plants. Regarding the need for more housing in our City, we underline the importance of having well-paying jobs such as those in manufacturing, so that people can afford to live in Toronto. Further, making products here helps counteract growing challenges from supply chains and potential tariffs and other trade impediments.

I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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