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Dear Minister Sarkaria and Minister MacKinnon:

Re: Opposition to Jets at Billy Bishop Airport, Toronto

Toronto residents are concerned about the provincial government's threat to take over the City's interest in Billy Bishop Airport and allow jets. Bay Cloverhill residents are unanimously against jets at Billy Bishop Airport.

Toronto's Waterfront area is a vibrant residential area home to over 80,000 people. Over 18 million visitors annually visit the unique cultural and entertainment features on the Waterfront, such as the Canadian National Exhibition since 1879.

The Waterfront needs to be protected. The additional noise, environmental damage, safety issues and airport expansion would be detrimental to any neighbourhood in or near the Waterfront. There would be serious deterioration of general air quality due to the jet fuel contamination that would affect people, animals, plants and trees. This is in addition to the \$1B+ price tag for the construction.

Any airport expansion to accommodate jets would result in increased traffic, which is a concern since there is no public transit direct to the airport and Bathurst is the

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only main road in the area. Traffic management, especially with the new spa, Ontario Place and proposed 2M sf convention centre in the area, is a major issue.

Valuable housing units will be lost since buildings near the Waterfront will reduce in substantially lower residential towers. Public safety, health, water loss and tree damage are all reasons for unease. We understand that in 2003 the Mayor of Chicago closed their waterfront airport due to safety and environmental problems.

For the last 30 years, the Bay Cloverhill Community Association has advocated for a great urban neighbourhood by working closely with residents and stakeholders. Our vision is of a green, clean and safe community recognized for its exceptional quality of life. We represent over 20,000 residents in the Yonge/College/Queen's Park/Charles neighbourhood in Ward 13 Toronto Centre and Ward 11 University Rosedale.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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