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Subject: **I strongly support implementing turning restrictions into and out of Weston Downs as proposed by The Weston Downs Rate Payers Association**

Dear Chairman and Members of Regional Council,

I understand that the issue of turning restrictions for the Weston Downs community is on the agenda for the upcoming York Region committee of the whole meeting on June 11th, 2015 starting at 9:00 am.

It is unfortunate that this meeting could not be held outside of normal work hours as I am unable to attend in person on the day of this scheduled meeting.

I, however, am writing to you all to express my strong support for the turning restrictions being proposed for the community of Weston Downs, which were designed to address the traffic infiltration problem that exists because of a poorly designed road network in the community and because of the traffic congestion caused by the intersection at Rutherford and Weston Road, which is over capacity and cannot deal with the existing traffic volumes.

Most important is the fact that these turning restrictions will make it safer for our children of this community.

The Weston Downs Ratepayers Association has spent two years working with the City of Vaughan Local and Regional Councillors and Transportation staff as well as the York Region Transportation staff to develop the proposed solution. They have also had numerous community input meetings and have also sent me a flyer to inform me of the solution. They also conducted a telephone campaign to ensure I had heard about the solution.

Our community is not like others in the City of Vaughan, or in York Region for that matter. Our road network was improperly planned and now our community is paying the price. There is only one road (Santa Barbara Place) that connects the streets in the south with those in the north. Therefore, any traffic congestion that occurs outside of our community and filters within, must travel through this one road. This creates spillover effects and causes problems on many streets in the community. Most other communities have a north/south and east/west grid patterned road network that allows arterial road traffic to filter through communities without creating unsafe environments for those who live there.

The proposed solution is designed to minimize the impact to residents who live in the community and disrupt the pattern for those who cut through our community. Please implement these turning restrictions and help us reduce the risk of injury to our children.

Please support the proposed restrictions.

Respectfully,

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