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Member of Provincial Parliament
Thornhill

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Honourable John Wilkinson
Minister of the Environment
77 Wellesley Street West
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Dear Minister Wilkinson:

I am writing to you on behalf of my constituents who are members of the Concord West Ratepayers Association and the Concord West Seniors Club. An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been filed for approval regarding the planning and preliminary design study for the 407 Transitway between Highway 400 and Kennedy Road by the Ministry of Transportation.

Your ministry should receive an objection report from Concord West outlining their concerns before the January 24, 2011 deadline. I am writing to you, Minister, to advise that I support the concerns and opposition raised by my constituents regarding the proposed Concord transit station. Additionally, they have discovered Blanding Turtles, a listed endangered species in Ontario, where the proposed station is to be constructed, which is another reason for caution going forward.

I respectfully ask that your staff review the concerns raised by Concord West. Should you have any questions please contact me directly at 416-325-1415.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Peter Shurman, MPP
Thornhill

Cc: Lorna Zappone, Project Officer, Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch
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