

(Name) Member of Parliament (Constituency)
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(Date)

Dear (Mr. Ms. Mrs.) (Surname)

My name is <name> from <constituency/town/region>. I am <age> years old, and I believe that my generation's concerns must not only be heard but also understood by Ottawa. This is why I am writing to you about the problems which will come from moving forward on an airport in the City of Pickering. Particularly, I am concerned by the issue of <climate change OR food insecurity>, which will only be escalated by the construction of a new airport in Pickering. However, there are other reasons why this airport should not be built.

The Pickering Airport development, located on 9,000 acres of farmland, is poised to destroy a sustainable source of fresh food and clean water that will be needed by generations to come. This resource will become increasingly important in the future as we aim to feed our ever-growing population. Years from now, I hope to see this land become a food and tourist hub. Promoting agri-tourism would create new jobs and grow the economy without compromising a source of food for Canada's largest urban centre. As a young Canadian, it's important to me to know that I will not have to worry about food security in the years to come.

Building an airport also raises several environmental concerns, as airports enable pollution from the air travel industry, which despite efforts to become "greener" will never do enough to make a meaningful positive impact on the environment. Some "eco-minded" people in the air travel industry point to their use of alternative fuels as evidence of improvement, but they do not mention that growing alternative fuel crops leads to a decrease in the supply of essential foods. Building the Pickering airport would be damaging our sustainable food supply in more ways than one.

Not only will constructing this airport pollute the environment and hurt the wildlife, but it will also damage the quality of life of those in the surrounding communities. Studies have shown that living close to an airport can lead to hypertension in specific at-risk demographics. Residing within the "daytime aircraft noise path" of an airport results in adverse effects on general well-being.

I am asking you to commit to preserving the Pickering Federal Lands. The environmental, economic and public health issues that would come with building a new Pickering airport will present significant challenges for your young constituents in the future.