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Mr. Valcour, as you are aware, both the City of Oshawa and Region of Durham Councils, supported by the residents of Oshawa, are adamantly opposed to the development of an ethanol refinery at the Oshawa Harbour. Attached are the unanimous resolutions from the Region of Durham Council and Oshawa City Council. Also, Dr. Colin Carrie, MP Oshawa, supports the City and Region in opposition to the development of the proposed ethanol refinery at the Oshawa Harbour near the Second Marsh, the largest remaining wetland in the Greater Toronto Area.

Notwithstanding, an environmental assessment is underway for a proposed ethanol refinery at the Oshawa Harbour to be located on a 30.4-acre site directly abutting the historic Gifford Hill which would be the only ethanol refinery located along the Canadian shoreline of Lake Ontario.

Furthermore, the Second Marsh, Montgomery Creek, the Waterfront Trail and Lakeview Park are deemed sensitive outdoor recreational land uses, pursuant to provincial guidelines.

Our understanding is that the proposed ethanol refinery would be capable of producing 210 million litres of ethanol annually, which would require processing 525,000,000 kilograms of corn each year and would result in approximately 168,000,000 kilograms of carbon dioxide (a greenhouse gas) emitted annually as a byproduct of the fermentation process.

In addition, the shipment of raw materials and end product into and out of the refinery would generate an estimated 200 daily truck trips which would create significant pressure on the city and regional road systems and the provincial Harmony Road Highway 401 interchange with respect to traffic capacity, safety and functional operations.

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On behalf of the residents of the City of Oshawa, I insist that the Oshawa Harbour Commission (OHC) be transparent and accountable and:

- release to the public any licence, lease, option or other legal instrument which provides a proposed ethanol producer with the right to use or own any land at the Harbour;
- release to the public any authorization provided to a proposed ethanol producer to apply to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada or any other federal ministry or agency for a subsidy or financial support on land owned or formerly owned by the OHC;
- release to the public the data, analysis and business case on which the OHC based its decision to accommodate a proposed ethanol refinery at the harbour including information on the use of ships and shipping/harbour facilities by the ethanol refinery; and
- release to the public any approvals or consents that the OHC received from the federal government in regard to a potential ethanol refinery at the Oshawa Harbour.

It is further requested that the Oshawa Harbour Commission:

- rescind any approvals for the use of land at the Harbour by an ethanol producer; and
- withhold any further OHC consideration of any major new land uses at the Oshawa Harbour since the Canadian Port Authority has not been formed and the Land Use Plan required by the Canada Marine Act has not been prepared and approved by the Canadian Port Authority, including the required public participation.

The Region of Durham and Oshawa City Councils and the residents of Oshawa, look forward to your immediate response to this letter.

Yours truly,



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- c. The Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance
Dr. Colin Carrie, MP Oshawa
Jerry Ouellette, MPP Oshawa
Christine Elliott, MPP Whitby-Oshawa
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