

Dear Standing Committee on Bill 171,

I am deeply concerned that work on the Ontario Line might start before a full environmental assessment. I worry that building while designing will result in damage.

I am also deeply concerned that the Bill wants to change expropriation rules so that property owners can't challenge in a tribunal the rationale for or necessity of expropriating a property in the first place.

Finally I am deeply concerned as well that the change to expropriation rules would mean that property owners can't challenge in a tribunal that Metrolinx may require the use, occupation, modification or temporary closure of a municipal highway or right-of-way.

I completely support the need to increase transit in our city and understand the need to do it as soon as possible, but transit must be done built carefully taking into account the needs of our city as well. It is for these reasons I strongly oppose Bill 171.

Sincerely,

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