Dear Mayor Karen Redman & Regional Councillors:

Why do you continue to insist on digging up prime land near our water supply when there are shovel-ready lands in the region – huge areas of unused industrial lands and derelict warehouses?

If you corrupt 770 acres of land, what happens to all the other farmers in the area? How will they move their farm equipment if roads are widened and traffic increases? Where will they get the water that they need?

A mega industrial site will jeopardize our water supply, pollute our environment - both air and water, destroy habitats and wildlife, widen our roads, and increase traffic and traffic pollution.

How much will it cost to get water piped from Lake Erie?

Just what "good paying jobs" do you expect to attract?

Honda Motors has put the brakes on its EV supply chain development plans in Ontario, General Motors shuttered its CAMI plant in Ingersoll, Ontario, Stellantis sent home 3,000 workers after closing its Windsor, Ontario assembly plant, and Ford and Toyota have paused or shelved factory construction plans. Northvolt's Quebec battery project went bankrupt.

Do you still think that the Region can continue to push for industrial megaprojects when this is what is happening to the auto industry?

You are jeopardizing our democratic rights and our sovereignty as a country capable of feeding ourselves. Is this the legacy that you want to leave to future generations?

There's no water there. There's no sewage there. There's no road or transportation infrastructure. The lack of infrastructure will require a massive cost to build. This secret backroom plan, with no transparency, and no public meetings is a bungled fiasco.

You and the Ontario government are wasting millions on something that is unlikely to happen. Are you working for the people who elected you or are you working for Premier Ford and his rich developers?

Stop the Wilmot Land Assembly!

I look forward to your answers to all of my questions.

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