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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Urgent Concerns and Questions Regarding Development Application on Heart Lake Road property

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Hi Karley,

We are writing to you today to express our serious concerns regarding the proposed application to amend the Zoning By-Law of 0 Heart Lake road, Brampton, ON L6Z0A1 City File #OZS-2025-0018 in Ward 2.

As members of the community and dedicated volunteers, we are already facing significant challenges related to traffic, speeding, community safety, wildlife road mortality, and the ongoing loss of wildlife habitat. The proposed development would not only worsen these problems, but it also threatens to encroach on valuable wetland and woodland areas, further diminishing the ecological health of the area.

We would like to highlight the following key concerns:

- **Increased Traffic, Speeding, and the Risk of Trucks on Restricted Roads:** One of the most pressing concerns is the likely increase in traffic due to the proposed development. Our community is already overwhelmed by the heavy traffic and speeding issues in the area. This area and surrounding roads are not intended for truck traffic, yet the addition of an industrial parking lot and buildings will certainly lead to trucks using roads that were never intended to accommodate them. This would pose serious safety risks, especially since the local roads are not built to handle heavy truck traffic. The situation is already challenging with congestion and speeding, and introducing even more large trucks would make the area even more hazardous for pedestrians, cyclists, other residents, and wildlife.
- **Further Loss of Wildlife Habitat:** Over the years, the community has already witnessed a significant decline in wildlife populations due to the loss of natural habitats and increased vehicle traffic. This new development would further fragment and squeeze out these habitats and further increase vehicle traffic, making it increasingly difficult for native species to thrive.
- **Environmental Degradation:** Beyond the immediate loss of habitat, the increased impervious surfaces from the parking lot and industrial buildings would lead to more stormwater runoff, further degrading water quality and harming the surrounding ecosystem. This could also affect the health of nearby wetlands, which already face stress from urban and industrial development. We are deeply concerned that without careful consideration of the environmental impact, this project could result in long-term harm to the local ecosystem, and the health and safety of our community.
- **Quality of Life for Local Residents:** The community already faces significant stress due to traffic and noise, and this development would make things much worse. Increased vehicle traffic, particularly from trucks, would lead to heightened levels of noise pollution and congestion. These factors are known to contribute to higher levels of stress and a decline in mental and physical well-being.

While we recognize the need for development in some areas, we strongly believe that this project, as currently proposed in this location, does not balance growth with the need for environmental protection and community well-being.

We ask that those involved might consider alternatives that would allow for development while minimizing environmental impacts and preserving the integrity of this valuable and highly sensitive natural area.

Sincerely,

Christina Cicconetti

Heart Lake Turtle Troopers Executive Team



