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Dear Mr. Empey:

Re: ERO 019 3292- OPA 5, County of Simcoe

I am strongly opposed to the County of Simcoe’s Official Plan Amendment 5 (“OPA 5”) which has been posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario with public comments due by May 1, 2021.

The County of Simcoe is proposing to amend its Official Plan so that waste sites that do not involve landfilling are exempt from the normal planning rules. OPA 5 would allow these waste sites to be established without public notice and without the need to obtain an individual official plan amendment.

The operation of waste sites can cause serious adverse impacts for public health and the natural environment. These include noise, dust, odour, increased truck traffic, increased fire hazard, vermin, and litter. OPA 5 is an attempt by the County of Simcoe to take away the public’s legal right to appeal a proposal to establish waste sites to the Local Planning and Appeal Tribunal. It effectively shuts out public participation in Ontario’s planning process.

Therefore, I urge the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing not to adopt this proposal.

Yours truly

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