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Hon. Jeff Yurek  
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Minister Yurek,

I am writing to share the concerns of several of my constituents who live in the area near the Nitta Gelatin plant at 60 Paton Road in Toronto.

Due to the nature of the processing done at the plant, strong odours regularly impact the surrounding neighbourhood. Representatives of the company have been willing to work with local elected officials and have undertaken steps in recent years to address the odour issues, but the problem continues to negatively impact many neighbours.

Continued, regular monitoring and enforcement of environmental, odour and air-quality regulations is of the utmost importance to our community. I am deeply concerned that your government may be scaling back on that monitoring and enforcement through your new review of compliance procedures, with its stated aim of 'reducing red tape.'

Just because these odours have been determined to pose no health risk does not mean they do not significantly impact the quality of life of the neighbouring residents. Davenport has a number of neighbourhoods with historically mixed-use zoning that includes light industrial. That is why it is so important that the provincial government enforces regulations consistently. It not only protects the public interest, but it also gives a measure of certainty to the businesses who operate near residential communities.

Indeed, it was an order from the ministry that resulted in a number of upgrades and changes to the operations of this plant to address the odour issues in recent years.

I am asking you to confirm that the ministry will continue to monitor and enforce the law as it relates to emissions from the Nitta Gelatin plant, and to assure residents that your government is not shirking its responsibilities in this regard.

Thank you and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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