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Please make available to all councillors and include in next Council meeting's agenda.

Attention: Durham Regional Chair and Mayors, York Region Clerk and others.

Please hear my concerns regarding the proposed "energy-from-waste" facility in Durham Region (Courtice, ON). My name is Kevin Church, I live in Oshawa Ontario and I am currently developing a career in environmental sciences.

Although not entirely surprised, I am extremely worried and insulted that this Durham incinerator proposal has even made it this far in approval proceedings. I hold 2 diploma's in natural environment science from Fleming College, however these credentials are not needed to see clearly that an energy-from-waste facility is NOT sustainable and does NOT solve the real waste management issues. I know it sounds great. It sounds like hitting two birds with one stone; creating energy from stuff we don't want anymore. But please trust your gut folks. This is too good to be true.

The energy gained from these EFW facilities is minuscule in comparison to that saved from reduction, reuse and recycling. Incinerators, as they are better described, burn the evidence of our over-consumption society and address the symptom, not the problem. The false claim that you can get sustainable energy from waste is an ill-informed cash-grab masquerading as an environmentally-friendly solution to our current waste issues. A few select groups and individuals will make millions from our tax dollars if this proposal is approved. The potential \$250 million spent on this project will leave Ontario (going to foreign companies and technologies), not contributing to Ontario's waste management abilities. There are many questions that need to be addressed. For instance, air quality data available in the National Pollutant Release Inventory from Environment Canada show that the levels of pollutants such as sulphur dioxide, volatile organic compounds and other green-house gases in Clarington are already hundreds of times higher than in East Gwillimbury. Yet the recommended location for this incinerator is Courtice Rd? That does not make sense. However, as a resident of Oshawa with loved ones in Sharon (E.Gwillimbury) I am terrified of an incinerator being built in either of these areas.

I also speak for many who are not conscience, aware or informed of this potentially disastrous decision being made behind closed doors. I know the political system ensures public consultation in proposals like this, however I also know that most young people are not aware of these rights and opportunities. Therefore, on behalf of the many young people who will inherit this decision, please do not let the energy-from-waste facility to proceed any further in Courtice, or anywhere in Ontario.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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