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Transportation and Works Committee
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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Attention: Chairman

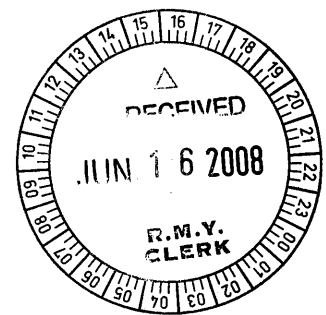
Dear Sir:

Re: Anti-Whistle Policy for Trains at Rail/Road Crossings

Please be advised that my husband and I are fairly new residents of the City of Vaughan. More specifically, we own a beautiful home in the hamlet of Nashville located in Kleinburg. We enjoy being residents of this lovely community, with few exceptions, one being the blaring train whistle which feels like it is going constantly throughout the day and night.

Before we purchased our home, we noticed the railroad tracks and we made what we thought were appropriate inquiries of the vendors' real estate agent who advised us that the train would not be an issue and we would barely hear it. Of course, nothing could be farther from the truth. Not only is the train an issue, it seems that there is a train passing almost constantly throughout the day and night and the conductors take extreme liberties with the force and length of the whistle blare. I suffer from migraines and when I am experiencing an attack and I am bedridden, there is perhaps no greater torture than to hear these inconsiderate conductors blaring the train whistle longer and louder than necessity requires.

Let me be quick to point out that we are not unreasonable people and we know that there are serious safety issues at play here. However, we are also acutely aware that there are several alternatives to this problem and that these alternatives could be implemented expeditiously. Our concern is why are they not being implemented at all.



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Firstly, there should be gates installed where there are residential sectors so that the whistle would be redundant. Moreover, the gates would be a much more secure and safe alternative to the whistle in any instance. With all the new developments being proposed, it would appear, to me, to be a simple thing to impose a levy to cover the costs of the installation.

Secondly, until the installation of the gates can be done, at the very least there should be a curtailment of the whistle blaring during late evening and early morning hours. A good compromise would be to have no whistle sounding from 7:00 p.m. in the evening until 7:00 a.m. in the morning. This would at least allow people, especially children, the elderly and the infirm, to get the rest they need without violent disruptions.

I ask you to take these concerns into consideration at your earliest possible convenience.

Yours very truly,

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frances Agueci', is written over the printed name.

Per: Frances Agueci

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