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Petition to keep the Ontario Subway Line Underground

Dear Friends,

Toronto desperately needs investment in public transit.

Our community struggles now with traffic congestion daily as well as packed and often late streetcars.

The provincial government has abandoned the Relief Line subway and is proceeding to build what it calls the Ontario Line through Toronto Danforth. This new plan will have subway trains running above ground along the existing railway track right-of-way from Gerrard Street to south of Eastern Avenue. This will cut the costs of building the system but creates huge problems as outlined below.

The rail line upgrades will mean the six railway bridges from Gerrard to Eastern – Gerrard, Carlaw, Logan, Dundas, Queen and Eastern - will have to be rebuilt and widened. Such work is very disruptive and could lead to east end gridlock for many months if not years.

Along the route, the subway trains will run every 45 seconds. When you add on the new GO train tracks with GO trains passing every few minutes there will be substantial increase in noise. Many houses along the tracks now will be within 10 metres of these trains making life very difficult for people.

On top of all that, there will likely be reduced park space at Jimmie Simpson Park and there could be substantial impact on the Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre. The effect of the increase in rail and subway tracks will likely also have an impact on the other parks along the rail line.

All of this could be stopped if the Provincial government kept the Ontario Line underground south of Gerrard as it will be north of Gerrard.

To keep the Ontario Line underground, please sign my petition, get your family and neighbours to sign it too, and mail or drop off completed petition forms to my constituency office at 923 Danforth Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4J 1L8

I will be presenting the petitions in the Legislature to show how our community is united on this issue.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

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P.S. It's easy to get in touch. You can call my office at 416-461-0223, email me at tabunsp-co@ndp.on.ca, or find out more at www.petertabuns.ca

