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Mr. Ed Hore  
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Dear Ed:

Thank you for raising the issue of the proposed night club on the waterfront. The federal government—together with the provincial government, the City of Toronto and the waterfront community—is committed to building a new mixed use community in the Portlands as part of the twenty-five year plan to transform Toronto's waterfront and inner harbour area.

Through a tri-government development corporation known as Waterfront Toronto, an ambitious multi-billion dollar series of investments are being made to build new neighbourhoods along the city's waterfront. Each development is being planned with a carefully balanced approach to city building. Each decision is taken on a block-by-block basis. The results so far have been very successful.

The idea of a 15,000 person outdoor nightclub and concert venue is not compatible with this very carefully orchestrated vision. As a single land use proposal, I believe it will not only overwhelm the planned community, but it will have a devastating impact on existing residents and businesses. I have read the concerns expressed by local stakeholders and the City of Toronto. The concerns are real and serious. Noise, traffic, social and economic issues cannot be resolved by conditioning the liquor licence, nor by site-plan controls alone. The sheer scope and scale of the proposal is unreasonable and it should be rejected.

I had the privilege of serving two terms as a City Councillor in Toronto. The Entertainment District was in my ward. I learned first-hand that nightclubs, of even a modest scale, when concentrated in a single area create dangerous dynamics. No regulatory agency should overlook the impact outside of a licenced establishment and the community impact it can have when assessing projects that concentrate activities like the one being proposed. Licence holders have no capacity to control crowds once they leave their premises, nor should they. The reality of 15,000 people being released into a community on a nightly basis at closing time constitutes a serious risk to everyone.

I will support the fight to stop this project in every way I can.

Sincerely,

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