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**FROM:** Joseph Shaw & Rita Schulz

**RE:** EL25-028 Proposed Toronto Power Plant

We are writing because we do **NOT** support the Proposed Toronto Power Plant. We live within two miles of this proposed plant. Our farm acreage is over one hundred years old, and we are the third generation to live on this acreage. It is so disappointing to even hear the county would pick a location close to so many people in the community without considering any concerns this could cause them due to this plant.

The following are issues we have read and heard about these power plants:

**Air Pollution:** Greenhouse gases would contribute significantly to air pollution, especially during extreme weather events.

**Noise Pollution:** Prolonged exposure to noise in a gas-powered plant tends to be greater, with a time-weighted average (TWA) of 78db verses 69 for coal.

**Health Risks:** The plant releases harmful pollutants that can lead to health issues, including increased risks of cancer and asthma. How likely is it that the plant company will take responsibility for any of these illnesses should they happen?

**Renewable Energy Focus:** It seems as though this area is surrounded with a renewable source such as wind. Looking out our living room window, we see a number of wind turbines. Instead, it has been determined that a power plant that could endanger our welfare is best for people in this area.

**Cost Effectiveness:** This is not cost effective for our area. It is time we advocate for efficient and sustainable energy sources that present no dangers to anyone.

Our family has lived in this area for years. The community is pulling together in opposition of this power plant and we are asking you **NOT** to go ahead with plans for this Toronto Power Plant. We also ask that you put yourself in the position you have put us in!

Sincerely,

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