Petition to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

Whereas Metrolinx, an agency of the Government of Ontario, is planning an eight-fold expansion in **diesel rail** traffic, from 50 trains per day to over 400 trains per day, in the Georgetown corridor which cuts through west-end neighbourhoods including, Liberty Village, Parkdale, Roncesvalles, The Junction and Weston.

And Whereas t**his expansion will make this the busiest diesel-rail corridor on the planet.**

And Whereas exhaust from diesel locomotives is a known danger to public health, linked to cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, cancers and premature death.

And Whereas Diesel exhaust poses an especially potent danger to children and the elderly.

And Whereas Diesel trains are harmful to the environment and contribute to climate change, and are also heavy, loud and disruptive to neighbourhoods and local quality of life.

And whereas over 250,000 people live within one kilometer of this line, and 30,000 children attend one of more than 200 schools within one kilometer of the tracks.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to ensure: That that the rail expansion in the Georgetown South Rail corridor, including the Air Rail Link, be electrified from the outset, and that there be no further expenditure on diesel technology.

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