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Subject: Strong Opposition to Proposed Longworth Condominium Development

To Whom It May Concern at the Richmond Hill Clerk's Office,

I'm Weizheng Niu, a resident of the Oakridge Meadows community. I'm writing on behalf of many concerned residents in our community to express our **unified and strong opposition** to the proposed development of condominium buildings **at the corner of Longworth and Leslie, just north of Stouffville Road**. This project has caused deep concern among local families and homeowners, and we firmly believe it is **unsuitable and harmful** to our neighborhood for the following reasons:

1. **Traffic Congestion on Leslie and Stouffville Roads:** Both Leslie Street and Stouffville Road are already extremely congested, with only one lane in each direction. These roads are not capable of handling the increased traffic that would come with a high-density residential development. The proposal fails to consider the serious impact this would have on the daily lives of current residents.
2. **This area is a rural residential community lack of Public Infrastructure:** No nearby public transit routes around the community. Building a high-rise apartment here is impractical and short-sighted, forcing future residents to depend entirely on personal vehicles. This not only increases congestion but also ignores principles of sustainable urban planning.
3. **Overburdened School System:** Our local education resources are already stretched thin. Many families in the neighborhood are forced to send their children to schools located more than 15 kilometers away, such as in King City. Adding more residents will only intensify the pressure on our limited school capacity.
4. **Incompatibility with Community Character:** This is a quiet, rural residential area on the **Greenbelt**. A high-rise condominium does not align with the community's character and would disrupt the peaceful and cohesive environment that local residents value. Simply put, this neighborhood was never intended to mix with high-density developments.
5. **No Need for Additional Large Retail:** The community is already well-served by large retail stores including Costco, Home Depot, Michaels, and Dollarama at John Birchall Road and Elgin Mills Road, as well as Farm Boy and LCBO at 12266 Yonge Street. Adding more large-scale commercial development is unnecessary and will further burden our roads and environment.

In light of these serious concerns, we **strongly urge the Council to reject this proposal** based on the real-life implications and negative impacts it will have on the community.

If necessary, we as residents are prepared to **organize public protests or demonstrations** to further express our opposition. We hope the Council will stand with its constituents by making a decision that truly reflects the **needs, character, and well-being of our neighborhood**.

Sincerely,
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