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November 28th, 2023

The Honourable David J. McGuinty, P.C., M.P.
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. McGuinty,

On behalf of the CAFES Ottawa network, I would like to express my support for the efforts of the Save Hunt Club Forest community group to save the local pine forest and its access to nearby residents. The Hunt Club Forest is a widely used and deeply valued natural area for local residents. After 60 years of growth, it has become a flourishing forest inhabited by hundreds of diverse plant and animal species.

While I understand the Hunt Club Forest is under the jurisdiction of the Ottawa International Airport Authority (OIAA), it is situated on federal land. I feel that it is reasonable for the federal government to delay the decision made by the OIAA in order to preserve part of the forest so as to not remove valuable greenspace in the middle of a climate crisis.

It appears to be in the **mandate** of the Liberal Party of Canada to combat climate change, provide all Canadians with access to a healthy, green environment and protect more of Canada's natural lands. Given that you have said your "**priority** remains serving the residents of Ottawa South" with focuses on health and climate change, it would seem this action should receive your support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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