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Mark Laroche, CEO
Ottawa International Airport Authority
1000 Airport Parkway Private
Ottawa, ON K1V 9B4

Dear Mr. Laroche,

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, and after 60 years of growth, it has become a flourishing forest inhabited by hundreds of diverse plant and animal species.

I understand the Hunt Club Forest is under the jurisdiction of the Ottawa International Airport Authority (OIAA) and the federal government. I feel that it is reasonable for the Airport Authority to delay the decision to clear cut the forest in order to find a more suitable solution that does not entail removing valuable greenspace from residents in the middle of a climate crisis.

Given that the OIAA claims to conduct its business in accordance with the **operational values** of responsibility, sustainability, accountability and integrity, it would seem that this action of preserving the forest should receive your support.

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

Sincerely,

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