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Contact Committee  
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Subject: Division 2 of Part 4 Bill c-43 Amendments to the  
Aeronautics Act

To the Standing Committee of Finance,

The Tecumseth Pines Homeowners Association is submitting this brief to the Committee of Finance regarding Bill C-43, specifically Division 2 of Part 4, Amendments to the Aeronautics Act.

We are a community of 300 seniors living next door to Tottenham Airport, which is being used as a dumping ground for fill coming up from Toronto excavations for new building projects on the old railway lands, the Pan American Games on the old Port Lands and from Metrolinx tunneling operations.

We get around 200 trucks a day dumping this fill from 7 am to 7 pm on land adjacent to the operational runway. The noise, dust storms and fear of water pollution has driven some of our seniors from their homes.

We were given photographs which are attached that show the sort of junk that was being dumped here.

This pictures show PVC pipes, metal piping, old cars and scrap metal.

Old cars contain contaminants, such as anti-freeze, car battery acid, paint, brake fluid, oil and gasoline that have the potential to seep into the groundwater.

Our community gets its drinking water from community wells, and although there is no evidence of pollution at the present time, the wells are downhill from this airport dump site and we are concerned for our future water supply. We also have run-off water that flows from the airport onto our property, and from there into the Nottawasaga watershed which is used by local farmers to irrigate their food growing operations.

Tottenham Airport, previously Volk Airport, has been around since 1946. Residents enjoy the occasional

recreational planes taking off and landing. However, the airport is looking more and more like a dumping ground for fill and less like an airport.

Our small municipality of New Tecumseth was threatened with legal action when they initially tried to regulate the fill coming into this site.

The owners claimed Federal jurisdiction indicating they were therefore exempt from municipal fill bylaw regulations. Why should we have to obey all the municipal bylaw regulations when building a deck or needing some fill, whereas our airport neighbour's fill operation is allowed to proceed unregulated by our Township.

We are submitting this Brief in support the proposed amendments.

Sincerely,

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