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Dear Members of Council,

My name is Saiinujan and I'm a long-time resident of Mississauga, having lived in Ward 1 since 1998.

This is my first time writing to my city council in my 28 years as a resident, and I'm writing with regard to motion 16.2 "[A Notice of Motion regarding an indefinite suspension of the City's e-scooter permissions \(Councillor Mahoney\)](#)".

I'm strongly concerned with the negative effects that a ban would have on local residents, and our progress as a forward looking city. Quite frankly, this is strongly out of touch with the realities of Mississaugans. We can pretend that our city has solid infrastructure and public transit, however, we know throughout lived experience that this is far from reality. We were promised reliable public transportation: a promise that has yet to come to fruition after decades. I strongly urge the council to work on transportation policy that adds options to locals, instead of taking away whatever few options we currently have.

As a millennial, I know that we're far behind in creating a sustainably minded and liveable community. We're a concrete, car-dependent city because of poor public policy decisions. Yet, we also have the goal of reducing community greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030, and 80% by 2025. These are benchmarks that you, as a Council, have passed. How do you realistically think that to be feasible, when you ban a transportation mode that will force a sector of the population back into a car.

With respect, I understand that many members of Council are of a different generation that don't commute with an e-scooter, preferring to be car dependent. That's their personal choice. However, your role as a city council member is to be a representative, and to do exactly that: to *represent* and advocate for the *needs* of those who elected you. Including those who benefit from transportation alternatives and care about living in a progressive minded, forward looking community.

I strongly ask the City Council to vote against this motion. To remain open minded, and considerate of the effects this would have for locals in coming years.

Sincerely,

Saiinujan Vasavan