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Dear Mayor Foster,

You need to implement a Holding By-law to provide enforcement of the safety measures relating to the health of all employees, visitors and citizens of the Municipality of Clarington.

I speak first hand as a 27 year resident of Bowmanville. My family has experienced first hand the air quality issues and "black dust" contamination in our dwelling and those of the many households in Bowmanville. This is not a short-term problem as the particulates have originated from both the Bowmanville Foundry and the St. Mary's cement plant.

The scrubbers and filtration systems have never been updated and improved to handle the volume of particulates released in the environment. Now that we have a new component of organic waste being pumped into the local air, we need to address the serious medical issues that continue to arise.

Clarington and Durham Region have been sited to have the highest new incidences of lung conditions and asthma in Ontario and in fact perhaps Canada. We need to work more closely with Lakeridge Health and other medical organizations to continue to approach improved practices at commercial and industrial levels of business in the community to insure healthiest living conditions for work, home and travel.

If the current COVID-19 pandemic has not inspired you to rise to the occasion of protection and safety, I would suggest you reassess and re-align your priorities as these commercial and industrial plants will create part of the next pandemic to control if left unchecked.

I request you consider the importance to life and community well-being as your first priority and implement the legislation and laws to protect our valuable populations.

Most sincerely,
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