Dear Mayor Bonnie Crombie,

I am writing to agree that Mississauga really does matter!

My name is Cynthia Trentelman, I am the Green Party federal candidate for Mississauga-Lakeshore and I want to help. This is the sole reason for me running in this election. It is to make our voices heard and to get action taken. I can promise you that I am listening to you and the residents of this beautiful community when I am at the door or when they contact me.

I hear about home unaffordability, seniors who are still working because they have no other choice, and others that are afraid they will lose their homes. It breaks my heart. These exchanges often end with a hug and I tell them that I will do my best. I do want to help, but in order for me to be able to do so I need your help. I can't do this alone, it will require all of us to vote for change and for a brighter, greener future.

The Green Party has a lot to offer. We want to make housing a human right and ensure every single citizen of this country has access to affordable homes. We are ready to invest \$1 billion to various programs targeting the creation of affordable housing (including rental), \$750 million of which is for new affordable homes.

To have a healthier community, we need to take care of everyone in it, but we also need to look at how we consume and how we travel. We want to invest in green methods of energy and transportation to reduce the levels of pollution. We plan to invest \$100 million to create a permanent local transit fund, \$100 million into cycling and walking infrastructure, and lastly plan to allocate 1% of GST (8.2 billion) to housing and municipal infrastructure for our cities, including Mississauga.

As Mississauga is the sixth largest city in Canada, it should receive funding corresponding to its size. The city can prosper and remain one of the best cities in the world. We have the tools, we have the people, I and the Green Party can provide the funding. It can happen, and it will happen if our city takes a chance.

I want the residents of Mississauga to continue living happy, healthy and affordable lives for generations to come. There are things we need to remedy and we can do it together.

Thank you for standing up for our city at this election, it is inspirational and I am campaigning to do the same. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch - I'll be more than happy to talk!

Sincerely,

Cynthia Trentelmen Mississauga-Lakeshore

