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Subject: Development of Apartment Towers at 1081 Carling Avenue in Ottawa (Application # D02-02-21-0093)

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Dear Planner Gorni, Dear Mayor Sutcliffe, Dear Councillor Leiper:

I am a soil and environmental scientist and Professor Emeritus at The Ohio State University. My family and I lived a year in Ottawa (1990-1991) during a sabbatical year from my university. During this time in Ottawa, I worked at the Central Experiment Farm. I chose this place because of its world-wide reputation in soil science research. Specially, I used this time to learn techniques related to molecular microbial ecology research, which was at the cutting edge of the discipline of soil microbiology. Because of the long history and outstanding reputation of the Central Experimental Farm, I am writing to implore the City of Ottawa preserve this international treasure and to give science primary considerations in establishing the guidelines and restrictions related to the use of the land at 1081 Carling Avenue.

I have also communicated and had collaborations in writing scientific publications and in international agricultural development work with scientists at the Central Experimental Station. It would be great shame for such a fantastic facility to be compromised in any way in its work to help feed the world, and make our planet a more environmentally sustainable place for the people of the world.

I implore the City of Ottawa Officials to please give extremely high value to the importance of food production and environmental research on the Central Experimental Farm. I am confident the scientists at the Central Experimental Farm would be most gracious in thanking you in preserving such a valuable, world-wide resource. I know many other scientists from around the world would also be thankful. Also, please don't hesitate in any way in obtaining input from the scientists at the Central Experimental Farm as to the best solution to preserve this farm.

As a short introduction of myself, I served as Editor-in-Chief of both the Soil Science Society of America and the American Society of Agronomy. Therefore, I have a good understanding of how scientists around the world view, with great admiration and respect, the scientists at the Central Experimental Farm and the research they carry out. Losing this farm, and its long history, would reflect badly on the city of Ottawa.

Yours respectfully,

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