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Child Care Modernization  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the “Consultation Document Regarding Child Care Waitlist Fees”. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is the voice of Ontario’s farmers, representing over 36,000 individual members and 30 affiliated organizations.

OFA is committed to the need for accessible, affordable, quality childcare in rural areas across the Province. We are in favour of the proposal to prohibit wait list fees or deposits (refundable or non-refundable) and the requirement for the development of policies regarding the order in which children on a wait list are offered admission.

Further to these proposals on wait lists in child care, OFA encourages the Province to develop wait list reporting that would be able to track the number of children on a wait list, and incorporate this into some form of reporting regarding child care needs in the Province. This should be done based on small geographical regions, so as to ensure adequate servicing of our rural families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don McCabe'.

Don McCabe  
President