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The Honourable Rod Phillips
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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VIA email

Dear Minister Phillips;

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) respects that your Ministry is now responsible for the Endangered Species Act, 2007, and we look forward to working with you to ensure it is effective.

As previously filed, the OFA reiterates our comments on the development of the recovery strategy for the Algonquin wolf. In our February 14, 2018 submission, we emphasized the importance of farm organization representation on the proposed Algonquin Wolf Advisory Group. As an affected group, farmers must be able to contribute to recovery programs.

Furthermore, we also maintain our opposition to expanding the proposed Algonquin Wolf Recovery Zone to include any areas where active agricultural operations occur. All the Algonquin Wolf-related literature clearly notes that human-modified agricultural landscapes do not offer suitable wolf habitat. We urge you to ensure that any proposed protected habitat for the Algonquin Wolf exclude human-modified agricultural landscapes.

On behalf of OFA's more than 37,000 farm family businesses, we look forward to collaborating on workable solutions that serve to realistically support Algonquin wolf recovery while also supporting Ontario farmers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Currie', is written in a cursive style.

Keith Currie
President

c: Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs
OFA Board of Directors