

July 8, 2019

Hon. Laurie Scott
Minister of Infrastructure
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Dear Minister Scott,

On behalf of the 38,000 farm family members of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and our rural communities across Ontario, we offer congratulations on your appointment as Ontario's Minister of Infrastructure.

We know that your extensive background and commitment to rural and remote Ontario communities will serve well as you tackle the complexities of Ontario's infrastructure needs.

As you know the OFA is focused on rural economic development as the ways and means of supporting a strong and growing agricultural sector, as well as addressing the challenges of urban Ontario dealing with rapid population growth and its associated challenges. We firmly believe that the distribution of economic development across rural Ontario is sound public policy, positively affecting all of Ontario.

We also believe that economic development will be driven by sound investment in rural infrastructure – the roads and bridges needed to transport of inputs and outputs, as well as broadband to run our businesses, enable our children and attract new investment. Your support for our Producing Prosperity in Ontario campaign is much appreciated and will continue to be the basis of our work with you.

Once again, congratulations on your new portfolio. We look forward to working with you in this important undertaking in the pursuit of our Producing Prosperity in Ontario goals.

Sincerely,



Keith Currie
President