

January 10, 2020

Mr. Al Douglas, President
Climate Risk Institute
Sudbury, ON

Dear Mr. Douglas:

Re: Peer Review Role in Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment

Thank you for your letter inviting the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) to play a role in peer reviewing and participating in the provincial climate change impact assessment. As you know, OFA has long been active in learning more and providing resources on climate change impacts and adaptation for our members. As such, the OFA has appointed Executive Member Drew Spoelstra to participate as our representative on this panel to help identify and prioritize climate risks, and to recommend solutions to improve resilience across the province.

Climate and weather touch every aspect of our industry. Ontario farmers work with the natural environment to grow food, fibre and fuel across a diverse geography. In general, farmers have always had to adapt to shifts in our environment over time, however, extreme weather events including new drought and flood cycles present additional uncertainty and risk to our sector. We are very interested to see more information made available to our members about climate change as we work towards effective solutions to mitigating potential impacts.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate and are ready to commit OFA time and expertise to this project should your proposal be awarded the contract. We look forward to receiving an Executive Summary of your proposal and budget when available as well as sharing project results should your proposal be successful.

Thank you, and good luck with your proposal.

Sincerely,



Keith Currie
President

cc: Drew Spoelstra
OFA Board of Directors