

January 16, 2020

Hon. Lisa M. Thompson
Minister of Government and Consumer Services
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Via email: LM.Thompson@ontario.ca

Dear Minister,

RE: Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act, 2010

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) requests that amendments be made to Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (ONCA) to enable the continuation of the regional election of Directors to not-for-profit Boards and the election of voting Delegates at Annual General and Special Meetings.

OFA wishes to retain its current democratic structure with regional representation. As an Ontario Corporation, OFA has by-laws respecting delegates as provided for under section 130 of Ontario's Corporations Act. This allows OFA Members the right to vote to elect Delegates from their Region. Regional Delegates then vote on their behalf at OFA's Annual Meeting and any Special Meetings. OFA by-laws also allow OFA Members the right to vote to elect an OFA Board Director from their Zone.

Should the current wording of ONCA be proclaimed, Part 3 (including section 130) of the Corporations Act would no longer apply to not-for-profits like OFA. To comply with the provisions of ONCA, OFA would be forced to abandon its current democratic structure with regional representation to the provincial board. This would mean our provincial board representation would be at large only with the potential of unbalanced regional representation. To avoid this unintended consequence, OFA requests that the provisions in section 130 of the Corporations Act be added to ONCA before it is proclaimed.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Should you have any questions, I would be happy to meet to discuss our request.

Sincerely,



Keith Currie
President

cc: OFA Board of Directors