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Via Email: shain.cameron@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Cameron;

RE: Regulatory Registry posting # 20-OMAFR018 - Proposed changes to the AgrilInsurance Program - Contract of Insurance and Appeals

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is Canada's largest voluntary general farm organization, representing more than 38,000 farm family businesses across Ontario. These farm businesses form the backbone of a robust food system and rural communities with the potential to drive the Ontario economy forward.

OFA is appreciative of the provincial governments commitment to cut red tape for farm businesses in Ontario. OFA fully supports the proposed changes in [20-OMAFRA018](#). Removing outdated references will simplify Production Insurance contracts and make them more farmer friendly. OFA welcomes the proposal to extend the timeframe in which producers can file an appeal to a production insurance claim and clarifying the appeals process. Both measures will make it easier for farmers to appeal a claim decision under the Production Insurance program.

Sincerely,



Keith Currie
President

cc: Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
OFA Board of Directors