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Dr. John Kelly Deputy Minister Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs 1 Stone Road West Guelph, Ontario N1G 4Y2

Dear Deputy Minister,

On behalf of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) and our 38,000 farm family members, I would like to congratulate you on being appointed to the role of Deputy Minister by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Your extensive knowledge and understanding of Ontario's agriculture and food industry will be a tremendous asset to OMAFRA, the Deputy Minister team and the entire agri-food sector. We know your leadership skills and experience as the Chief Innovation Officer with the Bioenterprise Corporation will be significantly valued in your new role with the ministry.

We look forward to working collaboratively with you and your colleagues to ensure the issues and priorities impacting the growth and sustainability of Ontario's agri-food sector and rural communities is front and centre with the Ontario government.

Together, we have the potential to unlock continued economic growth opportunities for the agrifood sector and drive a healthy economy that benefits all Ontarians.

Please feel free to reach out anytime.

Sincerely,

Keith Currie President