

September 25, 2020

Hon. Lisa M. Thompson
Minister of Government and Consumer Services
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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
Via email: LM.Thompson@ontario.ca

Dear Minister,

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

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) proudly represents more than 38,000 farm family members across the province, supporting our members and the agri-food industry on issues, legislation and regulations governed by all levels of government. OFA works to ensure the agri-food sector and our rural communities are included, consulted and considered in any new and changing legislation that impacts the sustainability of our farm businesses. We are the leading agricultural advocate for Ontario farmers, their businesses and their communities.

On behalf of OFA, I would like to thank you and your staff for the assistance provided to address our concerns regarding the potential impact the *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* (ONCA) was expected to have on OFA's inclusive democratic structure. We appreciate the time and effort you and your staff have taken to ensure organizations, like OFA, are not negatively impacted by unintentional consequences when ONCA is brought into force.

OFA appreciates the clarity you have provided with respect to Subsection 207 (3) of ONCA. Knowing that the transition provisions will allow a not-for-profit corporation to amend one provision at a time, should it wish to during the transition period, means OFA is able to retain its current democratic structure of having Delegates and Policy Advisory Councillors elected at the regional level and OFA Directors elected by members in specified zones (Zone Directors) and elected by delegates attending our Annual meeting (Directors-at-large).

We greatly appreciate that you and your staff have not pressed ONCA into force before addressing outstanding concerns.

Sincerely,



Keith Currie
President

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