

March 8, 2021

Environmental Management Branch
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs
1 Stone Road,
Guelph, ON
N1G 4Y2

Submitted online through the Regulatory Registry.

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: 21-OMAFRA002: OMAFRA proposal to amend R.R.O 1990, Reg 18 – General under the Agricultural Tile Drainage Installation Act (ATDIA).

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.

OFA is pleased to support this OMAFRA's proposal to amend R.R.O 1990, Reg 18 – General under the Agricultural Tile Drainage Installation Act (ATDIA). This proposal removes all fees of \$50 or less from this regulation, while maintaining the licencing requirements and renewals. We understand this is anticipated to save approximately \$9000.00 annually along with some administrative cost savings. Under this proposal, the requirement to renew licences will remain, however there will no longer be a cost to these renewals. We understand there will be no change to the \$250 annual business licence fee requirement under this regulation.

Sincerely,



Peggy Brekveld
President

cc: Board of Directors