

July 21, 2021

The Honourable Nina Tangri
Associate Minister, Small Business and Red Tape Reduction
7th Floor, 56 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON M5S 2S3

Dear Minister Tangri,

I wish to extend my congratulations to your recent appointment as Ontario's Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction.

I am writing to request a meeting with you on behalf of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA). We are the trusted and farmer-led advocacy organization that proudly represents more than 38,000 farm family members across the province.

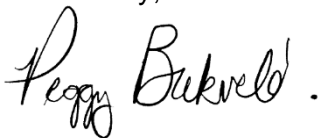
As the leading agricultural advocate for Ontario farmers, their businesses, and their communities, the OFA works to ensure the agri-food sector and our rural communities are included, consulted, and considered in any new and changing legislation, regulation or policy that impacts the sustainability of our farm businesses.

OFA is supportive of the government's priority to cut red tape and remove regulatory burdens on businesses, leading to job creation and revenue generation, and allowing businesses to thrive.

We would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you and to discuss two key areas where red tape and regulatory burden is impacting our members. One is the Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) cessation requirement that triggers a farmer to prepare an updated NMP every five years even where there has been no substantial change to the operation. The other is to discuss and identify areas where we can remove burdensome red tape for our processing sector, in particular our abattoirs. Provincially inspected abattoirs are essential to the marketing chain of Ontario's livestock and poultry production. Improving the clarity and simplicity in the provincial regulations made under the Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001 would help to create opportunities for local abattoirs.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you in the coming weeks to discuss in more detail these opportunities for red tape reduction, issues that are a priority for our membership and how they align with the government's priorities.

Sincerely,



Peggy Brekveld
President

cc: OFA Board of Directors