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Dear Paul Dalmazzi:

**Re: Chatham to Municipality of Lakeshore Transmission Draft Environmental Study Report**

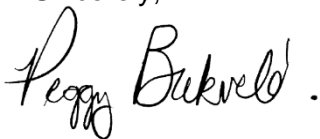
The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) proudly represents more than 38,000 farm family members across the province, supporting our members and the agri-food industry on issues, legislation and regulations overseen by all levels of government. OFA works to ensure the agri-food sector and our rural 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 expects and supports efforts of the Ontario Ministry of Energy, the IESO, utilities and the Ontario Energy Board, to adopt a fulsome planning and implementation process. This ensures energy capacity needs are brought online in a timely way. There is significant energy demand from greenhouse and covered agriculture in Southwest Ontario. OFA supports a transparent process to help impacted and nearby landowners, farmers and residents, with fair and balanced land acquisition negotiations.

We appreciate Hydro One making the Draft ESR available to impacted stakeholders and the public. Considering the extensive engagement and consultations taken to date, as detailed in the Draft ESR appendices, OFA supports HONI efforts to continue public engagement, and to work with landowners through this planning process stage, the design and construction planning stage, proposed construction during 2022-23, and operation start-up in 2024-25.

Balancing the needs of the Southwestern Ontario region, including significant agricultural activities, with the needs and concerns of farm operations along the proposed route is a difficult undertaking. We look forward to continuing to work with Hydro One to ensure all stakeholders receive their due consideration.

Sincerely,



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President

cc: Daniel Levitan, Vice President of Stakeholder Relations, Hydro One  
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