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Dear Rob,

**Re: Bill 115, Harvest Season Road Safety Week Act, 2023**

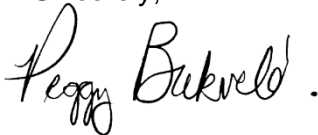
On behalf of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), representing more than 38,000 farm family members across the province, thank you for introducing Bill 115, Harvest Season Road Safety Week Act, 2023. OFA fully supports Bill 115 as drafted.

This Bill proclaims the week beginning on the third Monday of September in each year as Harvest Season Road Safety Week. We believe this week is an ideal time to raise awareness among road users about the need to always share the road with farm vehicles in the safest way possible. Harvest is a busy time for farmers as they travel on roadways between multiple locations.

OFA promotes road safety with respect to sharing the road with farm vehicles throughout the year with billboard, radio, news and social media messaging. At past OFA Annual Conventions, our Delegates identified the need for enhanced driver training on the meaning of the Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) sign and how to safely drive when sharing the road with slow moving vehicles.

We appreciate and support your private members bill - Bill 115, Harvest Season Road Safety Week Act, 2023. We look forward to working collaboratively with the Ontario government to improve road safety for everyone.

Sincerely,



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President

cc: The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs  
The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation  
OFA Board of Directors