

September 20, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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Dear Honourable Ford:

RE: Finding solutions to address housing crisis and protect valuable farmland

As the President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, representing more than 38,000 farmers from across the province, I am writing to you to request an in-person meeting to discuss how we can work together, to find solutions that will both address the housing crisis and protect valuable farmland for future generations.

Balancing the preservation of farmland with addressing housing shortages is a complex challenge and I am confident we can find ways to do that together. I appreciate your comments at the International Plowing Match this week in Bowling Green. I know that you deeply respect and appreciate Ontario farmers, and you've got our backs.

OFA remains a willing partner with government to find workable solutions that will both address the housing crisis and protect farmland, and we would deeply appreciate the opportunity to ensure that our voice is heard and that our feedback can be taken into account as we move forward.

We are flexible regarding the date and format of the meeting and would be pleased to accommodate your schedule. We are eager to engage in this important conversation.

Thank you for your commitment to Ontario farmers. I look forward to receiving a positive response from you.

Sincerely,



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