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Hon. Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
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Via email: minister.mnrf@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Smith,

We appreciate your time meeting with OFA Vice President Crispin Colvin and Director Paul Maurice at the recent AMO Conference.

OFA has been advocating for agricultural representatives on Conservation Authority Boards for a number of years and we were very pleased at their inclusion in the changes to the *Conservation Authority Act*. Given that Conservation Authority Boards continue to make important decisions that potentially impact local farmers, we appreciate your assurance that the appointment of the agricultural representatives to the Conservation Authority Boards will be addressed in the near future.

We are happy to work with you or your staff to bring this about.

Sincerely,



Peggy Brekveld
President

cc: Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
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