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Dear Andrea Martin:

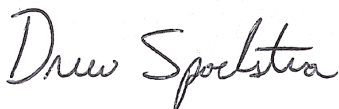
**Re: Proposal to amend the Milk Act and the Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001**

OFA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposal to amend the *Milk Act* and the *Food Safety and Quality Act* (FSQA).

Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO) provides leadership and excellence in milk production and marketing. Their work has demonstrated both improved and consistent cow milk quality and food safety across the province. The OFA supports aligning provincial regulatory frameworks to improve the efficiency, transport, and productivity of agricultural products in Ontario. To that end, we support in principle aligning food safety initiatives under a single statute and set of regulations, and amendments proposed under the *Milk Act*, FSQA, and the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* for the production, transportation, and processing of milk and milk products from all milking species to the FSQA.

Further, we support amendments to the *Milk Act* to include milk products, or milk products used in the processing of milk and/or dairy products in the expanded definition of products to be regulated under DFO's marketing plan. This will bring Ontario into alignment with the Canadian Milk Supply Management Committee and the provisions already in place in other provincial jurisdictions.

Sincerely,



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cc: OFA Board of Directors  
Dairy Farmers of Ontario