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Mr. Drew Spoelstra  
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Dear Mr. Spoelstra: *Drew*

Thank you for taking the time to send me a personal note of congratulations. It is the honour of my professional life to serve as Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and I will work tirelessly to earn your trust. I feel very fortunate to have grown up in a community with a long tradition of farming, greenhouse growing, and food processing, which gave me a strong appreciation for the sector. I remain inspired every day by the hardworking people who feed Canada and the world.

Since 2018, agri-food GDP has increased nearly \$3 billion to \$51 billion, close to 30,000 new agri-food jobs have been created, and agri-food exports have increased by 65% to \$26.2 billion. This momentum is a testament to the strength and dynamism of the industry, and I am committed to accelerating it.

We appreciate your expertise and are proud to be informed by primary producers, processors, researchers, and all of Ontario's innovators. With your continued support, we can take on the challenges of food security, farmland protection, enhancing soil health, and broadening interprovincial and international trading opportunities.

There are many powerful opportunities before us. I am confident that with the collective ability and experience across this vibrant sector, we will successfully overcome any challenge and emerge stronger.

Sincerely,

Trevor Jones  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness



Good things grow in Ontario  
À bonne terre, bons produits

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