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Mr. Frank Klees, MPP
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Dear Mr. Klees:

Thank you for writing regarding your proposed Private Members Bill, the Preserving Existing Communities Act, 2013.

As the 10-year review of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe approaches in 2016, I am confident that the government will consider municipal concerns regarding intensification targets, infrastructure and local decision making. As with all reviews, stakeholder consultation will be a key part of the process.

Since these concerns impact rural communities, I will continue to monitor discussions and proposed legislation with interest.

Again, thank you for writing to me.

Sincerely,



Jeff Leal
Minister of Rural Affairs