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Mr. Danny Whalen
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Dear Mr. Whalen:

Our government recognizes the critical role Ontario's municipalities play in the lives of Ontarians. We value our strong collaborative partnership with municipalities and the associations that represent their interests.

In that spirit, I want to advise you that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is proposing changes to the way aggregates are managed in Ontario, and I invite our municipal partners to provide their input.

We have released a proposal that aims to reduce administrative duplication and delays, and promote economic growth within Ontario's aggregate industry — an industry that generates \$1.6 billion in production revenue annually and supports more than 28,000 jobs in aggregate-related sectors.

The proposal draws on feedback from industry, municipalities and other stakeholders. It will create opportunities for growth while maintaining a steadfast commitment to protecting the environment and managing impacts to communities.

A summary of the proposed changes can be found on the Environmental Registry (ERO 019-0556) at the following link: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0556>.

My ministry is also considering some regulatory changes and we expect to consult on these at a later date. While no changes to aggregates fees are being proposed at this time, we are also interested in hearing your feedback on this matter. I look forward to your input on these proposals and potential future changes.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of John Yakabuski, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' and 'Y'.

John Yakabuski
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry