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Dear MPP Arnott:

Thank you for your letter, sharing with me comments from members of the Grand River Conservation Authority's CA Act Review Committee regarding Bill 23 and proposed changes to conservation authorities.

We recognize the important work conservation authorities do to help protect people and property from the risk of natural hazards, conserve and manage conservation authority-owned lands and protect drinking water sources.

I appreciate the comments submitted by the Grand River Conservation Authority in response to our postings on the Environmental Registry of Ontario. I assure you that all comments received are being taken into consideration.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours Sincerely,

The Honourable Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: Premier Doug Ford
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Samantha Lawson, CAO, Grand River Conservation Authority