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Dianne Saxe
Environmental Commissioner of Ontario
1075 Bay Street, Suite 605
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Dear Ms. Saxe:

Re: *Environmental Bill of Rights* Commitment Letter

The Ministry of Education is committed to the success and well-being of every student and child. Ontario's education system prepares students with the knowledge, skills, perspectives, and practices they need to be personally successful, economically productive and environmentally responsible citizens.

The ministry is also committed to cultivating and continuously developing a high-quality teaching profession and strong leadership at all levels of the system. Our education system will be characterized by high expectations and success for all. It will be responsive, high quality, accessible and integrated from early learning and child care to adult education.

The ministry's goals for education are achieving excellence, ensuring equity, promoting well-being, and enhancing public confidence.

As we work to meet these goals, the ministry is also committed to fulfilling its obligations under Ontario's *Environmental Bill of Rights*.

In particular, the ministry is committing to:

- Post all environmentally significant proposals on the Environmental Registry to provide the public with notice and an opportunity for comment as required by the *Environmental Bill of Rights*;
- Post timely decision notices for all proposals on the Environmental Registry;
- Meaningfully consider its Statement of Environmental Values whenever the ministry makes a decision that might significantly affect the environment.

I look forward to working with you on our shared goal of protecting the environment in Ontario.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Zegarac".

George Zegarac
Deputy Minister