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Lisa Thompson, MPP
Huron-Bruce
Room 425, Main Leg Bldg, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON, M7A 1A8

Dear Ms. Thompson:

**RE: Municipal Resolution on Supporting Agricultural Experts in
 Their Fields
 Motions
 11.1, Belleville City Council Meeting, September 26, 2016**

This is to advise you that at the Council Meeting of September 26, 2016, the following resolution was approved.

"WHEREAS, Ontario-grown corn, soybean and wheat crops generate \$9 billion in economic output and are responsible for over 40,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Ontario farmers are stewards of the land and understand the importance of pollinators to our environment and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario government is implementing changes to ON Reg. 63/09 that would prevent any Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) from carrying out a pest assessment if they receive financial compensation from a manufacturer or retailer of a Class 12 pesticide; and

WHEREAS, Ontario's 538 Certified Crop Advisors who are capable of and willing to conduct pest assessments will be reduced to 80 should the proposed changes to the definition of professional pest advisor be implemented in August 2017 and

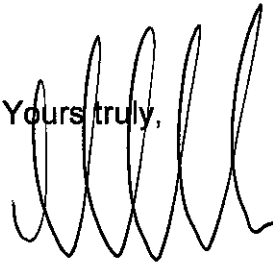
WHEREAS, the reduction in CCAs would force corn and soybean farmers to terminate the relationships that they have built with experts that understand their unique crop requirements, soil types, and field conditions, placing undue delays on planting crops;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Belleville supports the efforts of the Member of Provincial Parliament for Huron-Bruce to eliminate barriers to employment opportunities for CCAs, and allow Ontario farmers the freedom to engage in business with the expert of their choice; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament, municipalities, and AMO."

I trust this is sufficient.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Matt MacDonald
Acting Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk**

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Pc: Todd Smith, MPP, Prince Edward-Hastings