



LONG-TERM THINKING FOR TODAY'S ISSUES

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Dear Mr. Helfinger,

**RE: Proposed Amendments to Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Act, 1990
ERO 013-4293 Bill 66: Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018**

The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) is an Accredited Farm Organization representing the interests of over 4,000 farm families in Ontario who are called to the vocation of farming. CFFO policy promotes economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable farming, advocating that farmers receive fair return for their production and stewardship efforts.

CFFO is in favour of cutting unnecessary red tape and therefore we support the amendment to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Act, 1990, regarding the loan guarantee program for farmers. This change will have positive implications for the agricultural sector by reducing the conditions required to establish a loan guarantee program for farmers and speed up the process by eliminating redundant paperwork concerning the conditions and restrictions in the order that would establish the loan guarantee program for farmers.

It is important to support Ontario agriculture by offering opportunities to expand operations through capital investment, and the changes to the process of the loan guarantee program are a step in the right direction.

We appreciate this opportunity to respond to this proposed amendment, and thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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CC: Hon. Ernie Hardeman, MPP, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs