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Dear Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The intent of this letter is to address concerns the Township of Amaranth has around the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023 (PPS 2023).

The Township of Amaranth supports measures to improve growth and affordable housing, but the PPS 2023 will have a substantial effect on our agricultural lands. The current PPS 2020 works to maintain Ontario's vibrant Agricultural sector, but the proposed PPS 2023 will allow for agricultural lands to be severed and cause accelerated farm loss. The PPS 2023 does not list the Township of Amaranth as one of your "Large and Fast Municipalities" so why allow for our current agricultural lands to be severed when it does not solve affordable housing.

The Vision of the PPS 2023 states that growth and development will be within urban and rural settlements areas so that Ontario's agricultural sector can continue to procedure economic prosperity. By changing the PPS and allowing up to three severances on agricultural lots you go against supporting your own vision

Aside from allowing our Agricultural Township (Currently hosting this year's International Plowing Match and Rural Expo) to be massively severed it will also put an overwhelming amount of strain on the Municipality and presents future challenge to landowners. Your policy states we are not one of the "Large Fast Municipalities", yet this policy will treat us like one. We are large in acreage but small in population. We currently share services with our neighboring municipalities, but we don't have the infrastructure available to support the fast growth this policy will create.

We ask you to please consider this letter.

Sincerely

The Township of Amaranth