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Hon. Steve Clark,
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON
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Dear Minister Clark;

RE: Proposed Provincial Planning Statement - ERO Number 019-6813

Dear Minister Clark:

DRS Limited is a small development company located in rural Ontario. Our projects provide rural housing and rural employment for a variety of trades. DRS wants to invest in our rural community.

Simply put, there are no more lands available for development locally.

We focus specifically on small rural settlements and rural lands (low-capability agricultural lands). We are not interested in the development of prime agricultural areas. Several of the changes set out in the Proposed 2023 Provincial Policy Statement will help to promote appropriate development in rural Ontario.

Specifically, the proposed changes set out in **2.3 Settlement Areas and Settlement Area Boundary Expansions** are helpful. Proposed policy 2.3.4 provides a clear, concise framework to provide for growth in rural municipalities.

As well, the proposed policy in 2.6.1 provides a reasonable range of land uses on "rural lands". We have reviewed the definition of "*Rural lands*" (*lands outside settlement areas and outside prime agricultural areas*) and we understand that prime agricultural areas and agricultural operations will be protected (as a result of the consideration of MDS I requirements). This is a balanced approach that provides for some growth in the rural communities while still protecting good farming areas.

We would be pleased to discuss this matter further.

Yours truly,

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