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Dear Mayors Davidson, Lennox, and Turton:

It was a pleasure meeting with you and your delegation at the 2024 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference regarding the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program, the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), and insurance costs.

We truly appreciate the opportunity to hear from you about the issues that are important to your community. I have shared your comments and concerns with Minister Bethlenfalvy.

As I mentioned during our meeting, while there are no plans to change the current farm tax policy, the Ministry is undertaking a review of the property assessment and taxation system, focusing on fairness, affordability, and business competitiveness. The review could be an opportunity for you to bring forward your proposals for consideration.

We will continue to work closely with our small, rural, and northern municipal partners to help rural communities grow and build a strong Ontario, together.

Thank you again for the opportunity to discuss these important issues with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Byers', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Rick Byers
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