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The Honourable Todd McCarthy  
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks

**Re: Proposed Huron-Superior Conservation Authority**

Dear Minister McCarthy,

After recent discussions I have had with local riding stakeholders and municipalities, I am writing to share concerns regarding particularly the creation of the proposed Huron-Superior Conservation Authority.

Conservation Authorities are responsible for protecting local communities, managing flood and erosion risks, and supporting healthy watersheds.

As you have shared with me, we must follow the science. It is in that spirit that I share with you that local efforts to ensure public safety, managing flood and erosion risks, and supporting healthy watersheds that drain specifically into Lake Huron, must be considered unique. A locally driven, watershed-based model ensures decisions reflect local conditions and community priorities, and I respectfully share with you that a Conservation Authority dedicated specifically to the shoreline of Lake Huron is necessary.

I am concerned that the proposed Huron-Superior Conservation Authority would combine Lake Huron watersheds with regions in north-western Ontario that face fundamentally different geographic, environmental, and socio-economic conditions. Watersheds feeding into Lake Huron bear little resemblance to those in the northwest, and applying a single regional governance model risks diluting the focus and expertise required to address local shoreline, floodplain, and agricultural impacts. I have also heard concerns that this consolidation would reduce municipal input and accountability, from a rural affairs perspective.

Conservation Authorities were founded on partnership, local watershed management, and collaboration between municipalities and the province. I encourage the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to continue to realize efficiencies, strengthen capacity and support local solutions that protect our local watersheds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Thompson".

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Cc: Huron Soil and Crop, Huron County Federation of Agriculture, Bruce County Federation of Agriculture.