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Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,
Queen's Park Legislative Building
1 Queen's Park, Room 281
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

August 17, 2020

Dear Honourable Doug Ford;

Re: Copy of Resolution #485

Motion No. 485

Moved by: Don Murray Seconded by: Carl Sloetjes

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss hereby support the Council of the Township of Mapleton in their request that: The Province of Ontario undertake a review of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program to determine:

- a. The appropriateness of the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program falling disproportionately amongst rural residential and business property owners when the benefit of an economically competitive agricultural industry and affordable food and agricultural products is a provincial objective that should be shared amongst all taxpayers in Ontario;
- b. The adequacy of funding being provided to rural municipalities to offset the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Program;
- c. The differences between the amount of property taxes paid in rural and urban municipalities and the root causes of those differences;
- d. Economic competitiveness concerns with disproportionately higher average property taxes being paid in rural municipalities;
- e. Other methods of delivering the farm tax rebate program to farmland owners where the cost can be shared province wide

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kelly Lush', written in a cursive style.

Kelly Lush
Deputy Clerk

c.c. Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, MPP Randy Pettapiece, Honourable Ted Arnott, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).