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His Worship Larry Martin Warden Oxford County 21 Reeve Street, PO Box 1614 Woodstock, Ontario N4S 7Y3 warden@oxfordcounty.ca

Dear Warden Martin:

It was a pleasure meeting with you and your delegation at the 2021 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Virtual Conference regarding the assessment appeal process for large auto manufacturing properties.

We truly appreciate the opportunity to hear from you about the issues that are important to your community.

As you know, the government is currently conducting the Property Assessment and Taxation Review. The review was launched in recognition of the importance of a well-functioning property tax and assessment system in supporting local services while ensuring that Ontario remains competitive. Input is being sought from municipalities, taxpayers, and industry associations to discuss opportunities to:

- Improve the accuracy and stability of property assessments;
- Support a competitive business environment; and
- Strengthen the governance and accountability of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

The concerns you have raised will be taken into consideration as part of this review. Ministry staff would also be happy to collect any additional input from Oxford County as part of the review. Please contact Diane Ross at Diane.Ross@ontario.ca or 647-500-9282 if you wish to provide any additional comments.

We are committed to collaborating with our municipal partners to protect the long-term stability of our province and to recover from this pandemic. Working together, we can achieve great things for Ontario.

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

Sincerely,

Peter Bethlenfalvy Minister of Finance

c: Allan Doheny, Assistant Deputy Minister, Provincial-Local Finance Division, Ministry of Finance