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Hon. Steve Clark, MPP
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park, 17th Floor
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Delivered by email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Minister:

Re: City of Stratford's request to revoke Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO)

Yesterday it was reported that the City of Stratford council, by a vote of 9 to 2, passed a resolution calling on you to revoke the Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) that would have allowed for development of a float glass factory in the city's south end.

As you know, Stratford repeatedly requested this MZO from the province over a two-year period as it pursued this facility. In late October, we learned the city's efforts were successful, as Xinyi Canada Glass Limited selected Stratford as its preferred location. However, the city's recent motion requesting that the MZO be revoked comes after the company announced last month it was indefinitely suspending its proposal, noting the city's lack of progress and significant public opposition.

As a former municipal councillor, I have always supported and encouraged local decision-making. Our elected municipal councils need and deserve the power to chart their own course, especially when it comes to major development projects like the glass plant proposal. That is why I have always sought to highlight the requests of the municipalities I am privileged to represent. As their MPP, that is my role. I have done so even when I expected their requests could become unpopular.

At the same time, I also have responsibilities to individual constituents and to communicate their views, as well. In all our conversations on the Xinyi proposal, I have appreciated your attentiveness to the concerns my constituents have raised. Hundreds have written letters and emails to oppose it. They have organized meetings and public demonstrations. They advocated convincingly and successfully against the glass plant.

Now that the city has formally requested that the MZO be revoked, I again want to do everything I can to support the municipalities I represent. I support their request and would encourage you to respond to it promptly. I would appreciate if you would respond directly to the city and continue to keep me apprised of all developments on this matter.

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Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Pettapiece". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

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c: Tatiana Dafoe, City Clerk, City of Stratford
Lizet Scott, Clerk, Township of Perth South
Lori Wolfe, CAO, County of Perth