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Mr. Wayne Emmerson  
Chair  
Conservation Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Emmerson:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wayne'.

Thank you for providing me with an update on Conservation Ontario's Client Service and Streamlining Initiative. I am pleased to see the progress and success since its launch.

As you are aware, Ontario has committed to modernizing the regulations under the *Conservation Authorities Act* to focus conservation authorities on their core mandate of protecting people and property from flooding and other natural hazards following recommendations from the Special Advisor on Flooding's Report, and also in support of the government's Housing Supply Action Plan.

This work, along with the success of the Client Service and Streamlining Initiative, complements the broader work led by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Both my ministry and the MECP are working together to define the conservation authorities mandatory natural hazard management program; ensure that other recent changes to the Act increase transparency; and help to focus conservation authorities' ability to deliver on their core mandate.

As proposals for new changes are developed, I assure you that opportunities for further consultation will be available for stakeholders to provide their feedback. I look forward to continuing to work together to protect people, property and communities from flooding and other natural hazards.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John Yakabuski'.

John Yakabuski  
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

- c. The Honourable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
The Honourable Steve Clark, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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