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Ms. Kim Wingrove
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Dear Ms. Wingrove,

Thank you for meeting with me at the 2019 Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference. It was a pleasure to hear from you and your delegation from the County of Grey about your ongoing support of apprentices and the apprenticeship and skilled trades system.

I appreciate your thoughtful insight into the challenges of finding qualified and skilled workers to support the industry in Grey County.

I am pleased to see your continued partnership with Georgian College on apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs. My ministry values Georgian College's participation in apprenticeship training.

I understand that ministry staff are currently reviewing applications that have been submitted and that they will be in touch with the results. I have also asked ministry officials to follow up with you to ensure you are aware of all the programs available to you.

I value these discussions and appreciate the insight you have provided. As Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, I look forward to working with Ontario's municipalities in supporting Ontarians to work.

Please accept my sincere thanks, and I encourage you to continue to keep the ministry aware of any regulatory barriers, or red tape, that stand in your way of doing business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M Fullerton".

Dr. Merrilee Fullerton
Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities