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Mr. Alan Barfoot
Warden
Grey County
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Dear Warden Barfoot:

Thank you for your letter providing me with a copy of council's resolution and report regarding *Phragmites australis*. The views of our municipal leaders are very important to me, and I appreciate your keeping me informed of council's activities.

I would like to assure you that our government takes our stewardship of the environment very seriously. We are committed to taking strong action to prevent the spread of invasive species, including *Phragmites australis*, in the province.

I note that you have also sent copies of your letter to my colleagues the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, and the Honourable Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation. As the issues you raised would best be addressed by Minister Mauro, I have asked that he or a member of his ministry staff respond to you in greater detail. I trust that Ministers Murray and Del Duca will also appreciate the opportunity to review your comments.

Once again, thank you for writing to me. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Wynne".

Kathleen Wynne
Premier

c: The Honourable Bill Mauro
The Honourable Glen Murray
The Honourable Steven Del Duca