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Mr. Brian Milne  
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Dear Mr. Milne:

Thank you for your letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding extending the jurisdiction of the Ontario Ombudsman to include municipalities. Premier Kathleen Wynne has forwarded this letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and I have been asked to respond on his behalf.

The proposal to extend the jurisdiction of the Ontario Ombudsman to include municipalities was part of Bill 179, the proposed Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act.

As you are probably aware, the government was dissolved on May 2nd, and a provincial election has been called. When an election is called, all business of the legislature is terminated. Any proposed legislation that has not yet been passed into law is terminated. This would include Bill 179. It will be up to the incoming government to decide whether or not to introduce similar legislation.

Yours truly,



Janet Mason  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Local Government and Planning Policy Division

c: The Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
Premier