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Hello,

I hope you and your loved ones are well. Thank you for all your efforts over the past months to get us through this terrible COVID-19 crisis.

I'm writing to you today with three specific requests:

- 1) Resist the use of Minister's Zoning Orders, which bypass environmental protections, silence community input and pave the way for sprawl development.
- 2) Oppose proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, which would undermine efforts to conserve biodiversity and build resilience to climate change impacts.
- 3) Support proposals to grow the Greenbelt and protect more farmland, natural areas and freshwater sources.

There has never been a greater need for bringing more farmland and natural areas under the protective umbrella of the Greenbelt.

The COVID-19 pandemic has underlined the importance of natural areas and farmland to our physical and mental well-being. These places are also critical to conserving biodiversity and enhancing community resilience to the impacts of climate change. We need to ensure they are protected, especially from the greed of influential developers who are doing their utmost to fast-track irresponsible projects while riding roughshod over environmental protections and public consultation.

As a resident of this municipality, I am calling on you to resist and speak out against the use of MZOs as well as proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act. I ask that you embrace opportunities to grow the Greenbelt as part of a green and just recovery.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy Hurst