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Dear Minister:

Please find enclosed resolution No. 11-24 passed unanimously by the Township of Scugog Council Dec. 13, 2010 regarding the placement of fill at the Earthworx site on Lakeridge Rd.

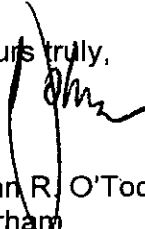
The Township is seeking an injunction in this matter, and it is my understanding that their legal counsel is proceeding in accordance with the Council resolution. The Township is also asking that the Province of Ontario review and strengthen the Oak Ridges Moraine Environmental Plan as it relates to commercial fill operators. Minister, I would encourage you to support the Township of Scugog in its efforts to ensure the protection of citizens, the ground water resources and the local environment.

I am aware of the Ministry of the Environment's Order No. 7671-8AGPMT – Amendment No. 2 dated December 8. This order is issued, in part, to ensure incoming fill materials are appropriately characterized and reviewed prior to acceptance on the site. That being said, I continue to support a full moratorium on the placement of commercial fill until all the outstanding issues are resolved and local municipalities have the tools to enforce their clean fill standards. A moratorium would provide an opportunity for provincial and local governments to work together with citizens and with businesses to establish safe procedures when handling any fill material on the Oak Ridges Moraine. This would benefit not only citizens of Scugog, but communities across the Province that will be facing similar pressures in the future.

Minister, I would again respectfully ask that you take action to support the position of the Township and to enact a moratorium as soon as possible.

Again, thank you for your consideration and attention to this priority on behalf of my constituents and their elected councillors.

Yours truly,


John R. O'Toole, MPP
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Encl.

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