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Mr. Paul Mennill
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Dear Mr. Mennill:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Bluewater Shoreline Residents' Association regarding the attached Water Quality Report. I value your association's views and am grateful to you for sharing them.

On June 1, 2007, our government passed legislation that will strengthen the management, protection and conservation of the Great Lakes Basin waters and all Ontario's water resources. The *Safeguarding and Sustaining Ontario's Water Act* implements the historic Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement, signed by Ontario, Québec and the eight Great Lakes U.S. states on December 13, 2005. It enables the province to start charging commercial and industrial users for the water they take and use.

As announced in our 2007 Ontario Budget, we will invest \$7 million this year in our new Drinking Water Stewardship Program under the *Clean Water Act*. This will allow incentives for early action to protect drinking water sources across the province. We will invest a further \$21 million for the following three years in the Drinking Water Stewardship Program. We have also committed \$120 million from 2004 to 2008 to fund source water protection planning to protect drinking water sources across Ontario.

I appreciate the issues you raised. I note that you have sent a copy of your letter to the Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of the Environment. I have asked that she or a member of her staff respond to you directly.

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Thank you again for writing. My colleagues and I look forward to continuing to work with you and your fellow Ontarians to meet your priorities and deliver the results you deserve.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dalton McGuinty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dalton" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "McGuinty".

Dalton McGuinty
Premier

c: The Honourable Laurel Broten