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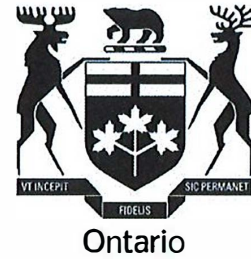
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Dear Ms. Kirkwood:

Thank you for your interest in Ontario's Tile Drainage Loan Program, and for sharing your thoughts. As Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

I value receiving input from engaged municipalities such as yours, as it helps keep my ministry informed of concerns and provides insight on policy areas that may need attention.

While we are not currently moving forward with any changes to the Tile Loan Program, I will take your recommendation under consideration as my ministry knows drainage is critical to supporting agriculture and food production, the environment and economic sustainability in rural Ontario.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Thompson  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs