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Minister Kathryn McGarry,  
Ministry of Transportation,  
Ferguson Block 3rd Flr, 77 Wellesley St W,  
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Dear Minister, 

I am writing to you to express the concerns of constituents in Elgin Middlesex London in regards to the High-Speed Rail (HSR) proposals and environmental assessment. Your government's record with understanding and supporting rural Ontario is dismal. The fact that your Government has not made any references to the impacts to rural communities and agricultural land due to the construction of HSR is concerning.

Rural Ontario needs your help. Under your current plan, the creation of HSR will affect their farms and communities. Unfortunately, they have not been allowed to participate in the process. Minister, I am asking that you ensure the EA process is transparent and accountable. Rural residents, OFA and the municipality of Thames Centre each need a position on the advisory board. The Environmental Assessment needs to be broad and include all potential options for HSR.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Councillor Kelly Elliott, Municipality of Thames Centre  
Mr. Keith Currie, Ontario Federation of Agriculture

