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MPP Laurie Scott
Chair
Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy

Legislative Assembly of Ontario
420-111 Wellesley Street West Toronto,
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RE: Requesting a Meeting of the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy

Dear Chair,

In light of the of the revelations found in the reports issued by the Auditor General and the Integrity Commissioner regarding the Government's decision to remove parcels of land from Ontario's Greenbelt for development, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing's breach of the *Member's Integrity Act*, I am writing to request that the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy meet during the week of September 6th 2023, and that the committee begin to address the following:

- Request that all documents, emails, and phone records involved with the process of selecting parcels of land to remove for the Greenbelt be put before the committee for review.
- That the following individuals appear before the Committee to be questioned regarding this matter:
 - Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clark)
 - Associate Minister(s), Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Provincial Land and Development Facilitator
 - Staff of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing's Office and Ministry Staff involved in the Greenbelt land swaps.
 - Staff of the Premier's Office and Cabinet Office Staff involved in the Greenbelt land swaps.
 - Any other relevant public service and political staff

Over the past month, Ontarians have seen two scathing reports that show that a small group of people were able to influence the Government's decision-making process surrounding the Greenbelt land swaps to further their own private interests.

Both reports raise more questions than answers and describe missing cell phones, documents, and emails in their investigations. The Integrity Commissioner describes the process as being marked by deception. This should be of concern to all of us.

Ontarians deserve transparency and to hear directly from those involved in this process in order to determine who had knowledge of the situation and how Cabinet was briefed in order to make their decision.

Ontarians have lost trust in their government and believe that this Government acted to serve the private interests of a select few and well-connected individuals. I ask that you support my request in the interest of openness, transparency and the public good.

Sincerely,



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Member, Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy

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Isaiah Thorning, Committee Clerk

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Joel Harden, MPP, Ottawa Centre

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