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Dear Dr. Jaczek and Mr. Tuckey:

Thank you for your letter of January 26, 2006 and for providing my office with a copy of York Region's State of the Environment Report 2005 titled "Focus on Our Environment".

I have been fortunate to meet with a number of York Region officials since assuming my office as Minister of the Environment, and I am well aware of the Region's focus on and dedication to environmental protection and performance. I was delighted to receive York Region's State of the Environment Report 2005, and to note our shared commitment to the same environmental priorities. The Region's progress with its environmental initiatives is commendable.

My ministry will continue to work with York Region, our provincial counterparts, and our other municipal partners, in the months and years ahead to achieve our common environmental goals.

Once again, thank you for bringing this information to my attention, and please accept my best wishes.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laurel Broten".

Laurel C. Broten
Minister of the Environment

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