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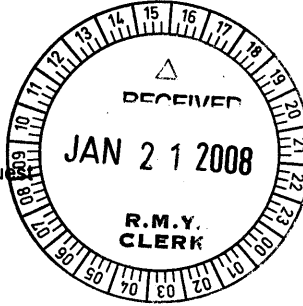
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Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
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CLERK'S OFFICE**

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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter of December 14, 2007 and for the enclosed copy of the Lake Simcoe Environmental Management Strategy Phase III Progress Report Summary.

As Minister of the Environment, I appreciate receiving this material and being advised of the Regional Municipality of York's support for the work of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. I have shared a copy of your letter with appropriate ministry staff for their information.

As you know, Ontario is committed to taking strong action to protect the health of Lake Simcoe and, in doing so, will build on the good science and planning work already done by the province, municipalities, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, and community groups. We will set strict limits on pollutants such as phosphorus; require stringent sewage treatment; implement a long-term governance structure that supports comprehensive Lake Simcoe environmental protection; and promote recreational opportunities while protecting the health of the lake.

The government will develop and implement this initiative in cooperation with First Nations, municipalities, the conservation authority, local residents, cottagers, farmers, environment groups, developers, and the tourism industry.

A regulation under the *Ontario Water Resources Act* for the Protection of Lake Simcoe has been posted on the Environmental Registry for a 60-day public review and comment period which started December 6, 2007. We would welcome the Regional Municipality of York's input, and I would ask you to note that comments must be submitted by February 4, 2008 to the individual listed under "Contact". Additionally, comments may be submitted on-line.

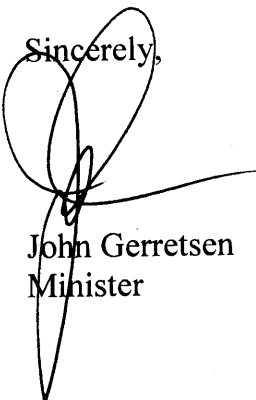
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Thank you, again, for bringing this information to my attention.

Sincerely,

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John Gerretsen
Minister