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REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter sharing York Region's resolution regarding provincial no-smoking legislation.

As you know, currently under the *Tobacco Control Act*, municipalities are given the right to make by-laws regulating smoking in public and workplaces. Each municipality creates the by-laws regarding smoking that they determine are best for their community.

You may be interested to know, however, that the ministry is currently reviewing options to strengthen all components of the Ontario Tobacco Strategy, including the Act. Your comments and concerns are valuable to us and I have forwarded a copy of your letter to ministry staff responsible for tobacco issues for their consideration.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Clement".

Tony Clement
Minister