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Dear Mr. Pettapiece

Perusing your Winter Update, I am not in the least surprised to note that there is no mention of the Xinyi plant, where citizens of Stratford and the surrounding area have triumphed in an exercise where true democracy has won over a secretive attempt by politicians to bring a very suspect industry to town. It is common knowledge that you were aware of the plans by the mayor and council and county wardens and that you even voted for the MZO, which would pretty well guarantee the success of the venture - all done, without proper public disclosure.

What I personally find even more shocking is your page 4 entry on Agriculture Matters, where you claim that the provincial government is protecting farms, food supply and agri-food businesses. You are the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. It would seem to me that the continued well-being of our constituents who make their livelihoods from farming and related industries must feel particularly betrayed by your actions in supporting measures that would bring Xinyi to the outskirts of Stratford, bordering on prime agricultural land.

We are aware that the fight to have the MZO revoked and the lands reclaimed is not over but it is time for sober second thought, Mr. Pettapiece, on your position and support of this ill-conceived venture.

Please lend your support to your constituents whom you represent as an advocate for rural Ontario and for those concerned about pollution and the continued encroaching of industry upon fertile farmlands.

Yours sincerely,

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