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Dear Reeve Vincent,

I am writing to let you know that I recently introduced a private members' bill which would give municipalities the authority to decide whether or not they would be willing to receive a landfill. I have enclosed a copy for your information and comments. I believe municipalities should have a say in the location of something that would have such a lasting impact on their community.

As you know, today municipal governments can decide where a Tim Hortons should go, but they can't decide where something as significant as a landfill should go. That doesn't make sense.

Currently, only the Ministry of the Environment approves a new landfill, but Bill 16, *Respecting Municipal Authority Over Landfilling Sites*, would ensure that waste companies are required to have approval from the municipality as well before they can move forward with the landfill placement.

I know that this authority has been requested by a number of municipalities. The Mayor of Ingersoll requested this legislative change during a committee hearing on Bill 139 last fall at Queen's Park. Since then, nearly 30 municipalities have passed resolutions of support and another 150 municipal leaders have signed petitions to demand this right.

I would appreciate hearing your comments on the bill and any support you can offer. For your convenience I have enclosed a sample resolution of support.

Thank you for your consideration. As always please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Ernie Hardeman, MPP
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