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Subject: SB10.3 Support

Dear Committee Members,

My family immigrated to Canada from Holland in 1992 and began a medium sized vegetable farming business in Otterville, Ontario.

Today, I am the owner of Den Boer Family Farms. I also represent the interests of Ontario farmers at the Ontario Food Terminal as President of the Farmers' Association.

The Ontario Food Terminal is critically important for small and medium sized Ontario growers. It allows us to compete with large-scale farmers by selling directly to buyers, grocery stores and restaurants. It helps level the playing field and gives Ontario farmers' a real leg up.

But the Terminal is old and in need of significant capital upgrades. For example, the current farmers' market is located underneath a parking garage and exposed to the elements.

On behalf of the Farmers' Association, I am writing to support this sign variance application.

Revenues from the sign will be used to support upgrades to the Food Terminal, including a new, fully enclosed farmers' market.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

John Den Boer
Den Boer Family Farms