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Mr. Angus Ross  
CBN Panel Chair  
2070 Hadwen Road  
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Dear Mr. Ross:

Thank you for your e-mail of September 22, 2006, and attachment, regarding the need to continue to prioritize brownfield redevelopment as a critical part of building strong, healthy and sustainable communities.

As you know, brownfields are important to the economic vitality and growth of our communities. As Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, I am personally committed to leading the coordinated provincial action on brownfield redevelopment.

We will build upon what the government has already accomplished through initiatives such as the new Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), the *Strong Communities (Planning Amendment) Act*, the Greenbelt Plan, and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. In this way, we intend to give Ontario a flexible planning regime that will deliver strong communities and a quality of life second to none.

I am pleased to see the coordination and commitment your organizations have shown. Significant strides have been taken over the past couple of months building relationships and gaining trust with stakeholders in the brownfield sector. We look forward to building on this accomplishment, as the government ensures that the necessary programs and policies are in place to put more brownfields back into productive use.

Your comments and suggestions have been, and will continue to be, considered as this government moves forward on this initiative.

Thank you, again, for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gerretsen".

John Gerretsen  
Minister