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Honourable David Oraziotti
Minister of Natural Resources
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Dear Minister:

On numerous occasions, I have discussed with you the vehement opposition of residents of my constituency and adjacent constituencies to the proposed hunting of deer in Short Hills Provincial Park by the Haudenosaunee First Nations.

You will recall that I shared with you the extremely negative reaction to the hunt which took place last year over the protest of many and the continued opposition of residents of our area to any repeat of this hunt this year.

As you will no doubt be aware, hunting in Short Hills Provincial Park is prohibited and with good reason since thousands of people utilize the park for passive recreational purposes and many consider it to be extremely inappropriate that the deer population, which is almost tame and is used to the presence of human beings, would be subject to such a hunt.

Individuals that I have spoken to and met with in my office have described a very dangerous situation that exists when this hunt was permitted last year and it is their view that unsafe conditions would prevail were a hunt of this kind to be repeated since there are many ways of entering the Park outside of the normal entrances.

Those that use the Park for passive recreational purposes are extremely annoyed with the fact that the First Nations hunters are permitted to use all-terrain vehicles which inflict considerable damage on the natural areas of the Park.

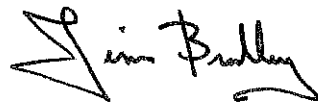
It is my understanding that over 2,000 names have been included in the petition opposing the proposed hunt and calling upon your Ministry to prohibit it this year.

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Since there are residential areas adjacent to this Provincial Park which is located, for the most, part, in an urban area, it is considered by people in our region to be unsuitable for hunting of any kind.

In the interest of public safety, in the interest of preserving the passive nature of the Park and in the interest of the deer that inhabit the park, virtually everyone in our area does not wish the hunt of last year to be repeated this year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Bradley". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

Jim Bradley, MMP
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cc:/ Honourable David Zimmer