

Grey County Federation of Agriculture

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Email: Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org

To: Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

RE: Rural Water Testing

The Grey County Federation of Agriculture (GCFA) represents the interests and concerns of over 1600 farm families in Grey County. We advocate on behalf of farm families on agricultural issues and are a dedicated voice of agriculture in the local community.

Private water systems are not protected through legislated requirements under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* or the *Clean Water Act, 2005*, and are more likely to contribute to cases of gastrointestinal illness than municipal systems. This results in rural residents being at a health disadvantage.

GCFA supports the resolution from the Municipality of Southgate from April 18, 2024 in its entirety to have the provincial government continue to fund rural water testing to maintain safe drinking water for the rural residents of Ontario.

Sincerely,

Keith Reid, President GCFA

Cc: Grey Bruce Health Unit
Cc: Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture OMAFRA
Cc: Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Cc: Rick Byers MPP
Cc: Ben Lobb MP
Cc: Alex Ruff MP
Cc: County of Bruce
Cc: County of Grey
Cc: Township of Southgate
Cc: Source Water Protection