

# Petition to create a Foodbelt in Ontario

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS farmland in Ontario is under threat, being paved over at a staggering 319 acres a day; and

WHEREAS the food and farming sector contributes \$50 billion to Ontario's economy employs over 875,000 people, or one in ten jobs in the province; and

WHEREAS Ontario's food security has never been more important, given the threat of Trump's tariffs and the trade war with the USA;

AND WHEREAS the legislative agenda of the current government is increasingly putting farmland and risk;

AND WHEREAS once you pave over farmland, you don't get it back for generations;

**We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:**

To instruct the Ontario government to create a Foodbelt to permanently protect farmland in Ontario from being paved over for non-agricultural uses.

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