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Regional Clerk Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Municipality of Niagara
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way
Thorold ON L2V 4T7

RE: CONSIDERATIONS FOR A LOBBYIST REGISTRY
Recommendations from the Niagara Chamber Partnership

Dear Ms. Norio,

On behalf of the Niagara Chamber Partnership (representing chambers/boards of trade in the municipalities of Fort Erie, Grimsby, Lincoln, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Pelham, Port Colborne, Thorold, Wainfleet, Welland, and West Lincoln), we are submitting the following recommendations for Regional Council's consideration:

- That a clear definition of lobbying be established, aligning with definitions used in other jurisdictions
- That thresholds, participation requirements, and administrative requirements be established, facilitating transparency without stifling healthy civic engagement from local businesses
- That a phased implementation approach be taken, starting with a simple and straight-forward process (an annual, one-time, online registration, for example) that can be expanded in successive years

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations as Regional Council builds on initiatives that increase public accountability and transparency.

Sincerely,

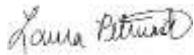




Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce



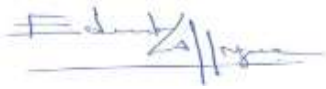
Grimsby Chamber of Commerce



Lincoln Chamber of Commerce



Niagara Falls Chamber of Commerce



Niagara-on-The-Lake Chamber of Commerce



Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce



Niagara Board of Trade and Commerce



Welland/Pelham Chamber of Commerce



West Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

