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Madame Clerk,

I am hereby enclosing comments in regard to the ROPA for the Greenbelt "Unique Agricultural Lands" at 502 Winston Road in Grimsby. My submissions here are brief, and are as follows:

- The applicant has indicated that this is the first step to developing the lands, however Grimsby does not require additional lands to meet its 2051 housing targets.
- The Region in its recent ROP review saw no need to expand the urban boundary in Grimsby.
- The applicants rely on an old soil study of dubious objectivity, hired by the Town with a political administration of the time that was determined to see those lands developed at any cost. That firm that appears to be no longer in business.
- The lands were identified by the Province in 2004/2005 using the LEAR system. LEAR is described by the Province as "a commonly used tool in Ontario developed by OMAFRA to quantitatively evaluate the relative importance of lands for agriculture". This is a more objective measure of the importance of the lands for the ROPA.
- The present lack of current agricultural activity on the property does not mean it has no agricultural value or could not be returned to agriculture in the future.
- This parcel is of the highest order of protection under the Greenbelt Plan and represents a portion of the very small amount of land that constitutes the "Specialty Crop - Niagara Tender Fruit and Grape" areas in the plan.
- Approval would set a dangerous precedent, creating a domino effect for every parcel of Specialty Crop and other Greenbelt designations in the Province.
- The people of Ontario have said no to changes to the Greenbelt, the Province has also realized the importance of the Greenbelt and said no to changes, the Region is duty bound to follow the policy direction of the Province and rightfully should also say no to this proposed amendment.

While I realize this email has come after the 9am deadline for submissions to the public meeting, I would respectfully request consideration for it to be included, if assembling the agenda has not yet been completed.

If this is not possible, then I would request that this correspondence be circulated to Members of Regional Council in conjunction with the minutes of the ROPA public meeting, before their consideration of the matter.

Thank you,

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