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His Worship John Henry
Mayor of the City of Oshawa
50 Centre Street South
Oshawa ON L1H 3Z7



Dear Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your letter of August 8, and enclosure, regarding Environment Canada's review of FarmTech Energy Corporation's proposed ethanol production facility at Oshawa Harbour.

Under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, as the responsible authority, must ensure that a screening level environmental assessment is completed for the proposed project, and make the final determination as to whether the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects. At the request of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Environment Canada has been participating in the review of the environmental assessment for this proposed facility since September 2008, in our role as an expert federal authority under subsection 12(3) of the Act.

My department has provided Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada with review comments related to our mandate and areas of expertise, including impacts on migratory birds and other wildlife in the Oshawa Second Marsh, as well as water and air quality. Environment Canada will continue to supply comments, as requested by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, in order to contribute to the body of information guiding that department's final decision on this project.

I appreciate your providing me with a copy of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's comments to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada on air quality issues. We will take these comments into consideration as part of our ongoing review.

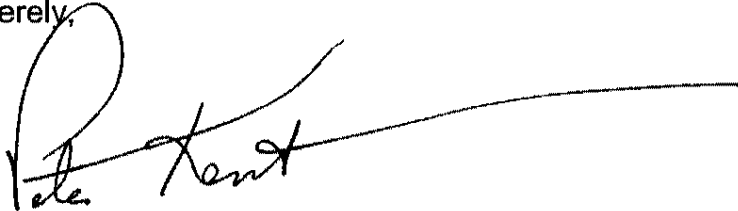
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As your views would also be of interest to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Gerry Ritz, I am forwarding a copy of our exchange of correspondence to him.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Kent". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Peter Kent, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Gerry Ritz, P.C., M.P.