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Dear MPP,

We are writing to urge you to support Bill 56, the *Aggregate Recycling Promotion Act* proposed by Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, when it comes up for Second Reading in the Legislature this week.

As the organizations representing those who build Ontario's infrastructure . and by extension build our province . we know that incorporating recycled aggregate into construction projects makes good environmental and economic sense.

Why? Because recycling balances our need to extract primary aggregate from Ontario's pits and quarries while still assuring a safe and effective product is used in road, transit, hospital and school construction projects. Testing procedures and standards are already in place and working well.

In fact, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, under governments of all political stripes, has led the way on use of recycled aggregates in the construction, expansion and maintenance of the 400 series highways in our province.

Bill 56 builds on this leadership and environmental and sustainable responsibility by ensuring Ontario companies bidding for construction projects with publicly-funded institutions are not prevented from competing for a contract simply because they propose to use recycled aggregate. Unfortunately, this happens all too frequently and needlessly today.

We believe the *Aggregate Recycling Promotion Act* is a Bill that all parties can agree with and we hope you do too.

Best wishes for the upcoming session of the Legislature. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us directly.

Sincerely,

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