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**June 13, 2025**

**TO: The Honourable Kinga Surma**  
**Ontario Minister of Infrastructure**

**RE: Letter of Support—Provincial Health and Safety Water Stream—Port Burwell Area Secondary Water Supply System**

Dear Minister Surma,

The Municipality of Bayham, the Township of Malahide, and the Municipality of Central Elgin have jointly submitted an application for funding to repair the Port Burwell Area Secondary Water Supply System (PBASWSS) under the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program – Health and Safety Water Stream (MHIP–HSWS). I am writing to express my support for this project.

This project is a well-established priority among constituents in my riding, and its objectives are closely aligned with shared federal and provincial priorities.

The proposal includes replacing approximately seven kilometers of aging water transmission main along Nova Scotia Line and Dexter Line. Since 2019, this watermain has failed four times, causing water supply interruptions, posing risks to safe drinking water, and impeding fire protection measures. In response, the Joint Board of Management representing the three municipalities commissioned a Pipeline Desktop Condition Assessment Report. The report concluded that an upgraded system is essential to ensuring a reliable secondary water supply for the communities of Vienna and Port Burwell in Bayham, while also enhancing water security across all three partnering municipalities.

Repairing the water main will support housing development, facilitate critical infrastructure renewal, and, most importantly, safeguard the health and safety of our communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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