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Dear John Panter:

I have received your letter, and accompanying pamphlet that was delivered to my constituency office on July 20, 2004. Since that time, I have spoken with several of my colleagues who have also been visited by representatives of your group, and expect that you will over the coming weeks and months will visit many more MPPs from all three parties.

As you may remember, I have tried to bring your concerns to the attention of the Premier on several occasions since first being elected. I was disappointed that he and Minister Gerretsen took so long to reach a decision. In February of this year, they decided to break their promise, and indicated that a binding referendum would not be held.

Since that time, I have continued to keep the Premier and Minister advised of the views of my constituents regarding their decision. I have tried to work with local council as they try to deal with the hand they have been dealt, and have made the government aware of their funding concerns and requests.

I have continued to fight to make sure that the current government gives our community the resources to deal with the costs associated with amalgamation, and the costs being passed along to all municipalities because of provincial government changes dealing with water regulations, downloading of municipal drain services and the greenbelt plan that is currently under discussion.

Thank you again for keeping me apprised of the work that you are doing, both locally and throughout the province. I will continue to bring your views forward to the government. This is not the only promise they have broken.

Sincerely,

Laurie Scott, MPP  
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