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Dear Mr. Panter:

It was a pleasure to meet you and the representatives of VOCA (Voices of Central Ontario) today. I commend your advocacy on the de-amalgamation issue. Yes, democracy must be defended. Elected politicians must be held accountable and be required to deliver on their platform promises. I recognize there may be exceptional times and conditions when delivery on election promises may not be possible. However, candidates for election should consider this possibility when making their initial commitment.

With respect to your "Red Casket Relay," Premier McGuinty should keep his promise or convince the public why his promise cannot be kept. Based on what I have heard and read on this issue, it appears to me that he has done neither. It would appear he is playing with words, as explained in his February 13, 2002, letter as Leader of the Opposition.

Please find enclosed a copy of my letter today to Premier Dalton McGuinty. I trust it will be of assistance. Thank you once again for keeping in touch.

Yours truly,

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