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January 27, 2017

The Hon. Kathleen Wynne and the Ontario Government  
The Office of the Premier of Ontario,  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

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Dear Premier Wynne,

Re: Increase in water bottling fees

The Provincial Board of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario are concerned about the Ontario Government's proposal to raise the fees it charges to water bottling companies for the use of groundwater.

We are not objecting to an increase in the fees that water bottling companies pay to the Provincial Government, but where is the money going?

Will this extra money go into a dedicated fund for water and environment protection and for the Municipalities whose roads are used for the transportation of the water taking?

We ask that You seriously consider having the money put in a dedicated fund and not be used for general provincial expenses.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your response.

On behalf of the Provincial Board of  
The Federated Women's Institute of Ontario

(Mrs.) Margaret Byl, President

The Premier of Ontario  
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February 14, 2017

Mrs. Margaret Byl  
President  
Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario  
552 Ridge Road  
Stoney Creek, Ontario  
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Dear Mrs. Byl:

Thank you for your letter regarding an increase to water bottling fees. I appreciate receiving your comments on behalf of the provincial board of FWIO.

As you note, as part of its plan to protect water resources, the province is proposing a new fee for water bottling companies that take groundwater. An additional \$500 fee is proposed, which would bring the cost up to \$503.71 for every million litres of groundwater taken.

I have forwarded your remarks inquiring about a dedicated fund to the attention of my colleague the Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, and asked that he or a member of his ministry staff respond to you directly.

Thank you again for writing to me. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathleen Wynne'.

Kathleen Wynne  
Premier

c: The Honourable Glen Murray