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Honorable Lisa Thompson,
Minister of Agriculture, Food and
Rural Affairs,
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Cc: Ryan Puviraj, Director of Policy,
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Dear Minister Thompson: **Re: Grow Ontario Strategy Feedback**

Thank you for your feedback on the **Grow Ontario Strategy** that OHEA was honoured to be part of in 2023. Professional Home Economists, Diane O'Shea, of Perth County and Mary Carver of Ottawa-Carleton attended the Summit virtually representing OHEA.

In reply to your request of what to take forward to the Federal, Provincial, Territorial (FPT) Meeting in July 2024, we recommend the following statement:

The Ontario Home Economics Association (OHEA) members feel strongly about the need for improved food literacy at all education levels and additionally for today's consumers.

Food Literacy is key to consumers understanding food production and distribution challenges including costs and Agri-food careers. A strong understanding can lead to a better acceptance and appreciation for local food which in turn makes employment in the food industry attractive.

Please provide us with the FPT meeting dates, location and agenda when available. OHEA is pleased to continue to be at the table with OMFRA.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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