

March 8, 2021

Dear Greenbelt Foundation,

Please accept this letter of support for “Building a Local Municipal Planning Culture to Support a Stronger and more Resilient Greenbelt,” a proposal submitted by Environment Hamilton on behalf of the Ontario Greenbelt Alliance Steering Committee.


I am a strong supporter of the Ontario Greenbelt Alliance (OGA) which, as you know, has been an important voice for protecting and growing the Greenbelt since 2005.

To complement and extend that voice across Ontario, we are helping to create a “Citizen’s Forum,” a broad coalition of people, organizations and communities who care deeply about protecting and expanding the Greenbelt and promoting a municipal planning culture within which it can thrive. It is an emerging coalition of committed and experienced people that seeks to strengthen our conservation authorities, enhance agricultural productivity and food security, and ensure engagement of citizens and governments in meaningful public discussion. We are looking forward to working with the OGA to advance understanding and support for the Greenbelt and sustainable approaches to planning.

The OGA proposal offers an exciting opportunity to help build the resources, knowledge base and relationships needed to sustain a municipal planning culture that supports the Greenbelt. We are committed to helping develop the resources and relationships outlined in the proposal and look forward to working with the OGA Steering Committee in building capacity to protect the Greenbelt – its ecology, economy and communities.

Achieving the goals and activities in this proposal will take us a long way towards securing a much brighter future for the Greenbelt. I hope you can support it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Crombie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

David Crombie