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**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED GRANITE QUARRY IN SAINTE-LUCIE-DES-LAURENTIDES**

Wa'tkonnonhwerá:ton / Greetings,

The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke wishes to express its support and offer its solidarity in your opposition to the proposed granite quarry within the Municipality of Sainte-Lucie-des-Laurentides ("Sainte-Lucie"). We are acutely aware of the local and environmental issues surrounding this quarry. Moreover, we are gravely concerned that the proposed quarry will have a negative impact on our Aboriginal rights in our traditional hunting and fishing grounds in Tiowero:ton (also known as Doncaster), which borders the Municipality of Sainte-Lucie.

In this endeavor, the Mohawks of Kahnawà:ke are guided by their long, proud history and deep-rooted respect for the land. Accordingly, we will not stand by idly as neighbouring regions are plundered in the name of industrial growth and "resource development". Thus, we stand should-to-shoulder with our neighbours in opposition to the proposed granite quarry that may likely cause irreparable damage to the region.

The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke urges you to pursue your resistance to this project and continue to mobilize against the Crown until you can no longer be ignored. We all have the right to a reasonable quality of life in our communities free from unbridled environmental degradation facilitated by the Crown. We will be contacting the Ministers of Environment and Natural Resources directly.

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**ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS  
MOHAWK COUNCIL OF KAHNAWÀ:KE**

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CC: The Honourable Peter Kent, Minister of Environment  
The Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Natural Resources