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Dear Warren:

Thank you for your letter of November 29, 2018 to the Honourable Rod Phillips, expressing support for the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' Lake Partner Program. We appreciate your recognition of the value of the program. As Director of the Branch responsible for the Lake Partner Program, the Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf.

The Ministry is committed to protecting the Ontario we know and love, ensuring its pristine beauty and strong communities can be enjoyed now and in the future.

The Lake Partner Program collects important water quality information from hundreds of lakes across the province, raises awareness of environmental stewardship and promotes citizen science.

In preparation for the delivery of the 2019 Lake Partner Program, the Ministry is currently in the process of preparing the sampling kits that will be mailed out to volunteers and cottagers' associations. These kits provide the necessary equipment to collect samples and information on lake water quality, which form the basis of the Lake Partner Program.

Thank you again for taking the time to write and express your support for the Ministry's programs. For more information on the Lake Partner Program or to view water quality results, please visit: <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/map-lake-partner">https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/map-lake-partner</a>.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Carr, Assistant Director on behalf of Kathy McKague, Director, Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Branch Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks