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Mike Hendren,
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Dear Mr. Hendren,

Please accept this letter in support of the Kawartha Land Trusts efforts to acquire the "Cation Property", a 270.33 hectare property providing a conservation corridor between Balsam Lake, Indian Point, and Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Parks Provincial in the village of Coboconk.

These three parks are part of a network of provincial parks in an ecotone known as "The Land Between". The region supports a diversity of rare species and habitats along the interface between the Canadian Shield and the abutting lowlands, and contributes significantly to Ontario's biodiversity.

These lands have been identified, through both habitat mapping and climatic migration modelling, as critical for regional habitat connectivity and the flow of species between southwestern and central Ontario. Acquisition of lands which increases the network of protected areas, creates connectivity between them and prevents further fragmentation will allow for the migration of species and will contribute to the protection of biodiversity, particularly in the face of external pressures such as development and climate change. For further information about Balsam Lake, Indian Point, or Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Parks, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Dwyer", written in a cursive style.

Jason Dwyer
Park Superintendent
Balsam Lake, Indian Point, and
Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Parks