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Dear Mr. Dreessen:

Thank you for your message and for sharing your thoughts regarding suggested changes to the Municipal Elections Act.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing reviews the Municipal Elections Act following each municipal election to ensure that the Act meets the needs of Ontario communities. As part of the review, the Government of Ontario is committed to introducing the option for Ontario municipalities to use ranked ballots in future elections, starting in 2018, as an alternative to first-past-the-post.

Please be assured that your suggestions concerning the Act will be considered as part of the review.

Once again, thank you for sharing your views. Please accept my best wishes.

Best regards

Ted McMeekin Minister

c: The Honourable Yasir Naqvi Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services