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Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to meet with the We Are Golf representatives from the National Allied Golf Associations Ontario on National Golf Day, May 1, 2019.

We are following up with our discussions on Regulation 63/09, an onerous regulation under the Pesticides Act that requires annual in-person meetings that are costing golf courses thousands of dollars each year. These meetings are required to be advertised, with local residents being invited. However, few residents actually attend these meetings as the reports are available online.

The key ask from We Are Golf on National Golf Day was the recommendation that the outdated and costly Regulation 63/09 be amended to only require annual reports to be made publicly available online, with the in-person meeting being optional.

We believe this ask can be achieved by deleting Sections 20 and 21 of Regulation 63/09 and replacing them with the following wording for Section 20:

The owner or operator of a golf course on which a pesticide mentioned in section 16 is used shall ensure that, on an annual basis, the annual report mentioned in subsection 19 (1) is made available for inspection by members of the public through being posted on a website approved by the Director. The annual report shall be made available for inspection before December 1 in the year in which it is required to be prepared.

We would like to provide the following additional material that was prepared in support of this request.

- For the past few years, the Ontario Golf Superintendents Association has been collecting data from their members with respect to the attendance of these meetings and in 2017, across the region, there was:
 - 70% of Superintendents indicated that there was NO TURNOUT from the public!
 - 30% of Superintendents indicated that the turnout was between 1 & 5 people.
- ClubLink, which is Canada's largest owner and operator of golf clubs with dozens of championship courses in Ontario, has also been collecting data at these meetings at each of their properties. For the 2017 Public Meetings (which were held in Nov 2018) at 28 golf courses across the province:
 - 3,615 total notifications were mailed out
 - 14 people in TOTAL attended the 28 public meetings (including 6 at Kanata alone)
 - 0.4% TURNOUT
 - Cost of mailing the notifications was \$2,710
 - Cost of local newspaper ads to accompany the mailout was \$8,770

Your consideration of our recommendation is appreciated.

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We Are Golf is a public awareness raising initiative sponsored by the National Allied Golf Associations. The Ontario chapter includes the following members: Professional Golfers' Association of Ontario, Ontario Golf Superintendents Association, Golf Ontario, Canadian Society of Club Managers – Ontario Branches and the National Golf Course Owners Association Canada - Ontario Chapters. For more information on We Are Golf, visit <http://www.wearegolf.ca>.

