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sent via email

Honourable Kathryn McGarry  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry  
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Dear Minister McGarry,

**MERIDIAN BRICK (formerly Forterra/Hanson)**  
**East Cell Quarry Development (1775 King Rd., Burlington)**  
**At Issue: The destruction of forest and the health of the community and Greenbelt**

I attended your media event at Bronte Park to mark the “Healthy Parks, Healthy People Day” on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

We commend the MNRF for the work being done to bring attention to how important green space is to our overall well-being, including our health, keeping us active, and protecting our environment -“[Healthy Parks Healthy People](#)”.

I appreciated the time you took to meet with me and to listen to our (Tyandaga Environmental Coalition Inc. TEC) concerns with respect to the proposed Meridian quarry development that is planned for the Fall of 2017.

We realise that, on a daily basis, you have many important and pressing matters to deal with. However, we ask you to at least consider having your staff review this proposed quarry expansion since it will potentially adversely affect so many people in Burlington for a long time in the future and would not be consistent with the “green” and environmental policies and messages that are so important to develop and relay. MNRF has the authority to require site plan amendments to protect natural heritage (including Species at Risk) within and near Ontario’s Greenbelt, and human health.

The clear cutting of approximately 40 acres of mature forests and all that this enfolds in terms of the wildlife, endangered species, the environment, and human health considerations is not, in our opinion, a decision that should rely on a 1976 licence and theoretical modelling studies that are almost 20 years old.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Tyandaga Environmental Coalition Inc. (TEC)

email copy to: E. McMahon (MPP, Minister of Tourism Culture & Sport)  
R. Goldring (Mayor, City of Burlington)  
G. Carr (Chair, Halton Region)  
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