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Clean Air Bath  
c/o Mr. Tim and Ms. Susan Quinton  
P.O. Box 364  
535 Main Street  
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Dear Mr. and Ms. Quinton:

I am writing to recognize the commitment of the members of Clean Air Bath and friends who took the time to come to the Ministry of the Environment's head office on Friday, February 2, 2007. I appreciated the opportunity to hear your concerns.

I want to acknowledge the petitions on the proposed ban on tire incineration and the artwork and personal letters written by the children of your community. I will carefully consider all the material. I appreciate the tremendous amount of work you have done in such a short time.

As I mentioned in our meeting, Leave to Appeal Applications have been filed with the Environmental Review Tribunal (ERT) relating to these decisions. Since the matter is currently before the ERT, it would be inappropriate for me to comment at this time. To do so, may be seen to prejudice the deliberations of this arms-length tribunal.

Also, as you may know, we have been receiving public input on a proposal to temporarily halt the issuance of approvals for the incineration of tires. Details of the proposal can be found on the Environmental Registry at [www.ene.gov.on.ca/envregistry/029090er.htm](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envregistry/029090er.htm). I did extend the formal comment period to February 12, 2007, and I will be carefully considering all of the comments received prior to making my decision on this proposal. Over the next few weeks, staff will be summarizing the comments contained in these submissions and I will carefully consider all the information which has been submitted.

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I hope we can keep the lines of communication open between Clean Air Bath and the MOE. You can reach Mr. Peter Hargreave in my office at 416-325-6457.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurel Broten".

Laurel C. Broten  
Minister of the Environment