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Hon. Chris Ballard
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
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Dear Minister Ballard,

I want to draw your attention to the work of your colleague, the Minister of Infrastructure. I trust you are aware the newly released requirements for asset management plans for municipal infrastructure include a variety of measures on wastewater assets.

These include the frequency and volume of overflows in combined sewers, and a "description of the effluent that is discharged from sewage treatment plants in the municipal wastewater system."

Municipalities are already required to send notice to the Ministry of Environment regional offices. It seems redundant for municipalities to be required to report the same information to the Ministry of Infrastructure. The government already has this information.

Municipalities are already burdened by red tape and there is concern among smaller municipalities about their ability to comply with the new asset management plans. I encourage you to reduce the burden on municipalities by sharing the information you already have on sewage bypasses with the Ministry of Infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure
Cc: Progressive Conservative Municipal Affairs Critic, Ernie Hardeman