



March 21, 2017

The Honourable Scott Moe  
Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency  
2405 Legislative Drive  
Regina, SK S4S 0B3

Dear Minister Moe:

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) I would like to thank you for attending the 2017 SARM Annual Convention and for participating in the Annual Bear-pit session.

As you are aware, Bill C-44 has become a contentious issue amongst the SARM membership. This is evidenced by the passing of resolution 10-17A and resolution 11-17A. Both resolutions request the withdrawal of Bill C-44 and the latter also requests the repeal of the Water Security Agency's new regulations concerning rural land drainage. SARM is reaching out to its members for suggested wording changes for Bill C-44 that would satisfy the needs of municipalities and producers while still ensuring that drainage is enforced in the province. As comments come into the SARM office we will share that information with your office.

In the meantime, we would like to request a meeting with you to discuss Bill C-44 further. SARM recognizes the need to do something about the drainage issues in Saskatchewan as landowners, producers, municipalities and the environment are all affected. However, it is imperative that this is done in a responsive manner as our members have raised concerns regarding Bill C-44.

We look forward to productive discussions on Bill C-44 with you and how it may be amended to better serve the interests of rural Saskatchewan. Once again, thank you for attending the 2017 SARM Annual Convention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Orb". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ray Orb  
President