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Dear Mr. Robbins:

I am writing today to share the recent appointment of John Kelly as Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs effective August 17, 2020.

Bringing more than 25 years of leadership, John is an innovative and strategic senior executive in the agricultural and food sectors, and has worked in diverse organizations such as DNASTack Inc., Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association and MaRS Landing. Prior to joining OMAFRA, John was Chief Innovation Officer at Bioenterprise Corporation, where he was responsible for leading the acceleration of agri-tech business ventures.

On a personal note, I have known John for a number of years and have always been impressed by his energetic and enthusiastic support of the sector, as well as his advocacy for its vast potential.

There is no doubt that John's extensive expertise, his knowledge of the agri-food sector, his economic development experiences and his innovative outlook will be a tremendous asset to Ontario's agri-food sector.

Please join me in welcoming Deputy Kelly to OMAFRA. As I transition to the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Sincerely,



Greg Meredith  
Deputy Minister