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**Subject:** Council Agenda Item - Farm Tax Class ratio

Dear Mayor and Council:

As the local Voice of Business, representing 350 Chatham-Kent businesses of all sectors, we truly appreciate the purpose in the reduction in the Farm Tax Class ratio and the economic benefits of our agriculture sector. Additionally, we recognize the need for a fair tax base that includes commercial and industrial businesses of Chatham-Kent. At a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has disadvantaged many businesses, we encourage Council to recognize the importance of implementing a fair tax base to all sectors. For some, this will provide needed assistance to help sustain and find opportunity for hope and prosperity. At the same time, it is equally important for Council to ensure a fair allocation of the tax revenue generated when making investment decisions for Chatham-Kent.

As our Mayor and Council, we are certain that you recognize that a fair tax base may also provide a more competitive field in attracting economic growth to our municipality which will, in turn, benefit all taxpayers of Chatham-Kent through the added revenues and opportunities.

We recognize the challenges put on many at the present time and trust that we are all in this together.

Yours in Prosperity, Gail

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