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**SUBJECT:** Response to petition in the Ontario Legislature

**Sessional paper No. P-66**

Petition relating to Ontario Tire Stewardship's fees

Mr. Hardeman (Tabled March 28, April 8, April 11, April 17, April 25, May 1, May 8, May 29, 2013)

Mr. Walker (Tabled April 8, 2013)

Mr. Yakabuski (Tabled April 8, April 29, 2013)

Mr. McNaughton (Tabled April 9, June 10, 2013)

Mr. Barrett (Tabled April 15, April 16, April 22, 2013)

Mr. O'Toole (Tabled April 25, 2013)

Ms. Scott (Tabled May 8, May 28, 2013)

Mr. McDonnell (Tabled May 9, May 15, 2013)

Ms. Thompson (Tabled June 4, 2013)

Mr. Clark (Tabled June 10, 2013)

**Response:**

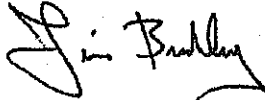
The Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS) is a private sector operation that was established under the Waste Diversion Act, 2002.

When the OTS proposed its initial fee changes, it became apparent that the OTS had to undertake further discussion with farm representatives on how to address concerns raised in the agricultural community about tire fees.

The OTS and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) have worked out an agreement for the agricultural sector and it is encouraging to see the OTS working with agricultural representatives.

The OTS has also indicated that it will continue to work with the agricultural community to explore opportunities to increase program efficiencies and reduce program costs.

My ministry has proposed legislation that, if passed, will fix the many flaws in the Waste Diversion Act, 2002.

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The Honourable Jim Bradley  
Minister of the Environment