

Statement from OHBA on recent media coverage concerning the Ontario Greenbelt

Toronto, April 30, 2018 – OHBA CEO Joe Vaccaro states: "I would like to re-iterate OHBA's longstanding position on the Greenbelt. Here are some facts:

- 1) On December 8, 2016 I stated at the legislative committee 'Let me start by making it clear that bringing more housing supply to support Ontario's growing population and economy is not an attack on the Greenbelt. OHBA supports the Greenbelt, and we support growing the Greenbelt through a science-based approach that protects significant environmental features.'
- 2) The current government completed a public consultation where OHBA, industry, municipalities and other stakeholders provided advice and recommendations, including the location of current infrastructure and updated scientific and environmental information resulting in adjustments to the Greenbelt.
- 3) As the government has openly stated in their Fair Housing Plan, the government needs to take action to increase housing supply and choice across Ontario.

OHBA, our local associations, our members and our industry are committed to working with all levels of government through a public process to build more housing supply and choice for Ontarians."

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About OHBA

The Ontario Home Builders' Association is the voice of the residential construction industry in Ontario representing 4,000 member companies organized into 29 local associations across the province. The industry contributes over \$56 billion dollars to Ontario's economy, generating \$19.8 billion in wages and employing more than 336,000 people across the province.

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