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Mr. Steve Stipsits  
President  
Branthaven Development Corporation  
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Dear Mr. Stipsits:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Branthaven Development Corporation's proposed development on Oval Court in Burlington. I am pleased to hear about your meeting with my staff regarding this proposal. My staff updated me that your team had met at our offices to present your development project. They remarked as to what an innovative project that Oval Court appears to be and is the type of quality mixed-use development that should be a priority development for Ontario given its location in Burlington, directly adjacent to the Appleby GO Transit Station. I want to thank you for taking the time and interest to meet with my staff to learn about what we are doing to ensure that our province is advancing its objectives with respect to the many critical housing initiatives. As you may be aware our government continues to be introduced to many key development projects across the province that we know are desperately needed to ensure that all Ontarians have appropriate housing options.

Our government, working for the people of Ontario, is undertaking various initiatives to find ways to make it easier to build more housing, streamline development timelines, and reduce costs. This work includes a fundamental review of all aspects of the development approvals process to find ways to streamline the process – from the rules for planning, such as the *Planning Act* and Provincial Policy Statement, all the way to construction. It is our hope that the important work that we are doing will help to expedite projects like yours and allow our Province to get key development projects moving forward faster in priority areas such as the Appleby GO transit node of Burlington.

We are also glad to know that your organization is working closely with the Region of Halton and the City of Burlington to advance the local planning and approvals necessary to advance your development. We do believe that cooperation between all levels of government is important to ensure that developments of this nature move forward expeditiously.

A community such as Oval Court, that provides both residential and employment opportunities adjacent to transit, is a model that speaks to sustainability and affordability that all Ontarians should embrace. Thank you for bringing this proposed development to my attention. Please accept my best wishes on your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Clark", written over a white background.

Steve Clark  
Minister