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Mr. Tim Hudak, MPP
Leader of the Official Opposition
Room 381, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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Dear Mr. Hudak:

On behalf of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH), our 100,000 members, subscribers and supporters, and 675 member clubs across the province, we are writing to you regarding the recent release of the Algonquin Land Claim Agreement-in-Principle (AIP), and to seek a meeting with you and the PC Critics for Natural Resources and Aboriginal Affairs to discuss your position on this issue.

As you know, the Algonquin Land Claim is the only comprehensive land claim in Ontario, covering 36,000 square kilometers which is home to 1.4 million nonaboriginal residents and roughly 8,000 Algonquin. Thirteen provincial ridings fall within the boundaries of the claim, many of which are represented by members of your party. According to details released to the public late in 2012, the Algonquin will receive 117,000 acres of Crown land, including 30,000 acres that will form the basis for a new 'provincial' environmental class park that will be reflective of Algonquin customs and concerns.

The Province has stated that it will begin public consultations on the agreement in February 2013, something the OFAH and other major stakeholders sitting on the Committee of External Advisors have been requesting for years, and something that should have occurred prior to the release of the AIP.

The AIP and final Treaty has the potential to create major changes in eastern Ontario, and to cause a significant shift in the current landscape. We can only assume that this is something that would be of grave concern to you as leader, and to your critics of Natural Resources and Aboriginal Affairs, respectively. Accordingly, we would appreciate meeting with you and the critics at your earliest convenience to discuss this issue in depth.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter, and we look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours in Conservation,

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