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His Worship Alar Soever
Mayor
Town of the Blue Mountains
32 Mill Street
Thornbury, Ontario
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Dear Mayor Soever:

Thank you for reaching out. I can assure you there's a light at the end of the tunnel, and it comes in the form of vaccinations. With each shot in the arm we are a step closer to beating this virus. Our government has reached another milestone in the vaccine rollout with over 50 per cent of Ontarians aged 18 and older having received a first dose. We remain on track to reach 65 per cent by the end of May.

As you know we have now extended the pandemic restrictions – including the stay-at-home order – to June 2. My goal is to have the most normal July and August possible. Make no mistake though, we're not out of the woods yet. We can't rush this. Our hospitals are still under immense pressure and the spread of variants remains a major concern. If we're on target at the beginning of June, our government will provide more details then about our plan to carefully and safely start reopening the province in the days and weeks to follow.

We will continue to be transparent about our decision-making process and how we're approaching this unprecedented worldwide crisis. Our government will also continue to work with municipal partners such as yourself to ensure there's proper supports in place. If we manage the next few weeks properly, I believe we can be in a very good spot later this summer.

Thank you for attaching the samples of frontline business experience to your letter. My heart goes to these entrepreneurs and the sacrifices they've made. I've passed it on the Minister of Finance to read over as well.

All the best to you and your family.

Sincerely,



Doug Ford
Premier