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The Honourable Mike Harris
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c/o Public Input Coordinator
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The Honourable Doug Downey
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Dear Ministers Harris and Downey,

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on ERO number 025-1041. AMO is supportive of Bill 27's proposal to establish a framework for the issuance of administrative monetary penalties (AMPs) to encourage compliance with wildland fire safety requirements.

Overall, AMO is supportive of exploring greater use of administrative monetary penalties to prevent contributing to the already overburdened provincial offenses court system. We encourage the Ministry of the Attorney General to work with AMO and our members to identify other charges that can be moved to an AMP system and to address backlogs in the system more broadly.

AMO appreciates the measures being introduced in the Bill and looks forward to further opportunities to work with the Province to address wildland fires and support municipalities to address backlogs in local courts.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and we look forward to further collaboration.

Sincerely,



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AMO President
Mayor of the Village of Westport

cc: The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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