

June 19, 2009

Dalton McGuinty, Premier
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Re: Illegal Occupation of Privately-owned Farmland II

Dear Premier:

On June 12th I wrote to you concerning an illegal smoke shack occupying a privately-owned farm not owned by the occupiers.

In my letter, I indicated that government abdication of responsibility will force the matter into the hands of private individuals. This has now happened.

Your government's response to this situation has been to label the formation of a Militia, "a dumb idea", but you have not addressed the illegal smoke shack on private land.

For three years Ontario has watched the Warrior flag fly over mayhem in the Caledonia area – much of it occurring on a provincially-owned highway and provincial property. I think of the destruction of the Sterling Street Bridge, excavation of a trench across the main street of Caledonia, the three year occupation of Douglas Creek Estates, ongoing blockage preventing construction of the Middleport Hydro Corridor.

You have criticized the concept of a Militia as "a dumb idea", but for three years have been silent on the destruction wreaked under the banner of Warriors. What is your public position on the Warrior Society? Do you condone the Warrior Society and its activities in the Caledonia area?

Premier, as you know, smoke shops and the business they do, are illegal whether on public or private land. What is your plan of action to bring this ongoing illegal activity to an end?

Sincerely,

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cc. Prime Minister Harper
MP Diane Finley
Mayor Trainer
Key stakeholders