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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Pits and Quarries Control Act has been in force for eight years now. It has solved some of the environmental and rehabilitation problems associated with the aggregate industry, however, it has not fully accomplished the results intended. The weaknesses of the present Act became apparent several years ago. As a result, the Ontario Mineral Aggregate Working Party was appointed by the Ontario Government in December 1975 to examine the operations of the industry and the concerns of the municipalities. The Working Party handed down its Report in December 1976.

The Ministry of Natural Resources presented the Report to Cabinet in January 1977 and after extensive review by all concerned groups recommendations were made for drafting new legislation.

The Ontario Legislature gave first reading to The Aggregates Act Bill 127 on June 14, 1979. This Bill will go forward for second and third reading in the Fall Session of the Legislature. The Ministry would like to receive comments from all interested groups over the summer.

We have enclosed a copy of Bill 127 and we would appreciate comments by September 15, 1979 so they may be co-ordinated, analyzed and forwarded to a Standing Committee in the fall.

Please send your comments to the following address:

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This Bill has ramifications for all concerned parties, municipalities, industry, environmental groups and the public and therefore we hope your group will take time to consider your position on this matter and to submit comments.


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