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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Haldimand County, please accept this letter as support for the **Hagersville Battery Energy Storage Park**, which is currently going through the project approval process. This project, proposed by **Boralex**, aims to develop a state-of-the-art battery storage facility located within our municipality in Hagersville, Ontario. As we understand it, Boralex is in the process of applying for its Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) for stormwater/sewage at the subject site.

The Hagersville Battery Energy Storage Park project aligns with the goals of advancing sustainability, reducing carbon emissions, and promoting clean energy solutions. Generally speaking, these are goals that our municipality supports. We also recognize the vital role that energy storage technologies play in ensuring the reliability, efficiency, and flexibility of the energy grid, especially in the context of integrating renewable energy sources.

We believe that this project will bring several benefits to the municipality and the region, including:

1. **Enhanced Energy Infrastructure:** By enabling the storage of surplus energy, the project will help optimize the use of renewable energy, making our energy grid more resilient and adaptable to fluctuations in supply and demand.
2. **Job Creation and Economic Benefits:** The development and operation of the battery storage facility will contribute to local employment opportunities and economic growth, both during the construction phase and in ongoing operations.
3. **Environmental Benefits:** The battery storage facility will support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by facilitating the use of clean, renewable energy sources, contributing to the mitigation of climate change.

We are confident that the developers of this project have taken the necessary steps to ensure its compliance with all relevant environmental regulations and standards. We also acknowledge their commitment to maintaining an open line of communication with our community, addressing any concerns, and ensuring the project is carried out responsibly and sustainably.

For these reasons, Haldimand County encourages the Ministry of Energy, Conservation and Parks to grant the necessary ECA, subject to the completion of satisfactory technical studies and engineering analyses, to allow Boralex to continue to move forward with the construction of this project.

Thank you for considering this important initiative, and we look forward to the successful progression of the **Hagersville Battery Energy Storage Park** project.

Best regards,

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