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I am writing to express my concern over the potential reduction in funding/closure of OAFVC as a result of the Discretionary Services Review. For the past decade my husband and I ran a rentable commercial kitchen in Toronto (Manning Canning Kitchens) and whenever our clients grew past our ability to assist them, we always referred them to OAFVC. This facility plays a pivotal role in small food in Ontario. The value of this facility extends well beyond Northumberland County. It is my opinion that any reduction in funding or the closure of this facility would have far-reaching effects in Local Food production in Ontario. There are simply too few facilities with the experience, equipment and the SFCR license required by early stage entrepreneurs. Without OAFVC the financial leap food entrepreneurs would have before them would make their journey to shelf almost impossible to navigate.

I appreciate your time and attention to this very important matter.