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Mr. Alan D. Levy, President  
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Dear Mr. Levy:

I wish to thank you for your recent correspondence with respect to Ontario's environment and the effects of acid rain. I share your concerns in this regard.

As you may be aware, the Government established the Select Committee on the Environment more than a year ago. Select Committees are established to meet while the House is not sitting. Terms of Reference and powers to sit for all Committees can be assigned only upon agreement of the three Party House Leaders. I have raised the issue of Committee sittings at regular House Leaders' meetings, but, until recently, the convening of the Select Committee on the Environment has not been a priority for the Liberal Government. The Government House Leader recently agreed that the Committee will be given time to meet during the recess of the current session, perhaps sometime during January, February, or March of 1987.

I will continue to raise this issue at future House Leaders' meetings to ensure that this schedule is adhered to. The Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario is committed to the protection of our environment, and if I can be of any further assistance to your cause, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Michael D. Harris, M.P.P.  
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Opposition House Leader