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Committee Members,

Last week I caught part of Michael Manths' rebuttal to the reading of Bill 106 specifically in regards to 'Article 5', and was thoroughly disappointing at the fact that good Ontario companies were being excluded from participating in the supply chain for PPE. Given the fact that one required no taxpayer funding, is Indigenous located/managed/operated in Ontario, it should be given fair consideration (as should all local companies). It would seem that the department responsible for this supply chain management was not even aware that they and some others were trying desperately to get a response back to become part of this supply chain. It certainly shows a epic failure of the department in question.

Two things that should be included given the problem that Bill 106 specifically 'Article 5' is trying to address are:

- 1) That Ontario companies producing PPE, that are able to provide a reasonable supply of products, meet all quality standards and expectations and are of fair market value, be given supplier priority, including where additional suppliers are required to meet full requirements, or that the procuring department provide adequate reason as to why supplier priority may not apply or be desired.
- 2) That in order to assure the ongoing quality of the products being procured, all products would be put through a province wide central location where items are moved through on a first in first out basis, insuring that products will have an effective rollover to eliminate expiry. That emergency supply amounts be maintained by excess inventory as sufficient for a crisis, and care taken to insure all items including low turnover items are not expired.

As this was brought up in rebuttal to Bill 106, I'm submitting it for your consideration, as well as to the Standing Committee to which this Bill is now under review with.