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Mr. Chris Antipas  
President  
Association of Condominium Managers of Ontario (ACMO)  
100-2233 Argentia Road  
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Dear Mr. Antipas:

Thank you for your letter regarding the single sales tax (SST) and the condominium industry. Your industry is an integral part of Ontario's economy and has contributed much to our quality of life. I appreciate hearing from the Association of Condominium Managers of Ontario (ACMO) about this important issue.

Our government's highest priority is to help Ontarians through this recession and to build a stronger, more competitive economy. Moving to a modern single sales tax, beginning July 1, 2010, is one of the most important things we can do to create jobs and position our economy for future growth.

The single sales tax would benefit all Ontarians. It would make businesses more competitive and attract more investment to Ontario. Businesses would see cost savings, which would lower prices for consumers. These savings to business include more than \$500 million a year in reduced paperwork costs.

I note the point you raised about the SST as it relates to operating costs associated with condominium communities. As this specific issue falls under the responsibility of the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, I have forwarded a copy of your correspondence to him for his information.

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Thank you again for writing. I welcome your input and assure you that your views will be taken into consideration in our efforts to stimulate the economy for the benefit of Ontario citizens and businesses.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dalton McGuinty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dalton McGuinty  
Premier

c: The Honourable Dwight Duncan