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Re: Sales Tax Harmonization in Ontario

Dear Ms. Darnley, *Kelly*

I would like to thank you for the copy of your correspondence to Minister Duncan and Minister Flaherty regarding sales tax harmonization in Ontario, dated February 26, 2009.

I appreciate you taking the time to keep me informed of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce's support for this proposal. Yesterday, the Government of Ontario announced its plans to harmonize its sales taxes. At the request of the Government of Ontario, we are offering support to Ontario to assist with transition and winding down of its Retail Sales Tax. As a result of this move, 80 per cent of Canadian businesses will now operate within a harmonized framework with no sales tax on business inputs.

Businesses in Ontario will save \$5 billion through harmonization. This is a substantial and effective stimulus to the economy.

Thank you again for the copy of your correspondence and please continue to contact me on any Federal matters.

Sincerely,

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