



September 28, 2007

Mr. Michael St. Laurent
Chair, Legislative Committee
Canadian Alliance for Condominium Owners Rights
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Dear Mr. St. Laurent:

Thank you for your letter outlining the concerns of the Canadian Alliance for Condominium Owners Rights. Let me take this opportunity to thank you and your organization for speaking consistently and eloquently on behalf of condominium owners across this great province. I am pleased to respond to your questions on behalf of Ontario Liberals.

Since 2003, our government has made significant progress in the area of consumer protection. In 2006, our government passed the *Consumer Protection and Service Modernization Act, 2005*, which strengthened consumer protection, modernized services and advanced the safety of Ontarians. These initiatives included:

- Combating real estate fraud
- Protecting Ontarians from identity theft
- Banning expiry dates on gift cards and fees.

The act also provided added protections to consumers in a number of vital areas. Ontario Liberals have been committed over the past four years to protecting consumers, and we will work with your organization to ensure that condominium owners are adequately protected in our legislative and regulatory system.

In addition, our platform, *Moving Forward Together*, commits to the development of a long-term housing strategy to build on the rental and housing allowance commitments of our 2003 platform. Our government believes that issues related to condominium construction and ownership should be an important part of that long-term strategy, and if re-elected, we will ensure that your organization is involved in the development of that strategy.

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Mr. St. Laurent, thank you again for writing. I am heartened by the progress we have made together in moving Ontario forward. We have turned the corner — yet there is more to do.

Ontario Liberals do not want to see our great province go backwards under the Conservatives. Instead, we want to continue our work with Ontarians to keep our province moving forward. We hope to have that opportunity with the support of organizations like the Canadian Alliance for Condominium Owners Rights. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dalton McGuinty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'D' and 'M'.

Dalton McGuinty
Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
Premier