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The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

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Dear Mr. Doheny,

Allan!

On behalf of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), we would like to express our sincere gratitude for meeting with our organization during the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) / Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) on February 22, 2016.

As you are aware, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) has been undergoing significant organizational restructuring in the midst of the upcoming 2016 assessment cycle. While we appreciate the implementation of advance disclosure for particular properties such as special purpose business properties, we remained concerned that the methodologies used to generate the assessments are believed to be flawed. Also, FONOM is concerned with respect to a lack of consultation during the development of the methodologies.

Furthermore, FONOM continues state the need for MPAC to be able to defend their assessments during the appeal process moving forward. As you are aware, previous industrial property reassessments have resulted in municipalities being forced to pay back substantial revenues that not only threaten current and future development but have also set a precedent for other corporations to follow suit. The Ministry must ensure that these costly reassessments do not occur again for the upcoming assessment cycle.

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Once again, thank you for meeting with our organization and we look forward to working with you to address this issue.

Sincerely,



Alan Spacek  
President

cc: Minister of Finance, Honourable Charles Sousa  
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, Mr. Antony Wisniowski