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Dear Member of Provincial Parliament:

Ontario is facing considerable economic challenges and needs to attract investment and create jobs in a very competitive global economy. A strong and efficient regulatory system is a vital asset for Ontarians to ensure our economy is functioning well while also protecting the health and environment of Ontarians.

In April 2010, the Government posted the Ontario Regulatory Policy, which outlines an overall policy for Ontario regulations to be developed and implemented. Industry was most pleased with this policy as we have seen numerous regulations moving forward that impact on the ability of industry to be competitive. However, we have not yet seen how the policy is being effectively implemented.

In order to determine the quality of the regulatory system in Ontario compared to other jurisdictions, a number of business associations joined together to sponsor a study by two international experts on regulatory policy, Jim Martin and Doug Blair. They reviewed the Ontario Government’s Regulatory policy and the system to implement it. This report identifies the improvements that will be required over the next few years to enable the policy to be an important tool for a competitive Ontario.

Please find attached the report “Creating a World Class Regulatory System in Ontario” and, specifically, the 7 recommendations in the Executive Summary for effective implementation of all regulations in Ontario.

The undersigned associations believe that by working in partnership with Government and all stakeholders, we can create a world class regulatory system in Ontario. We look
forward to following up with the Ontario Government to discuss the report and the implementation of the recommendations.

Sincerely,

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