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Mr. Stephen Cairns
Chair
Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario
512 King Street East
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Dear Mr. Cairns:

Thank you for your letter of June 20, 2005, in which you convey the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario's (MFOA) interest in the reform of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* (DCA).

The government remains committed to reviewing the DCA to ensure that new development pays its fair share of the costs of growth. I anticipate that we will begin consultation on possible changes to the Act in the near future.

The government is aware of the specific timing pressures surrounding the municipal GO Transit development charge by-laws. Ministry staff continue to work closely with staff from the Ministry of Transportation on this issue.

I value your interest and look forward to receiving further input from MFOA during the consultation process.

Thank you, again, for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Gerretsen".

John Gerretsen
Minister

c: The Honourable Harinder Takhar
Minister of Transportation