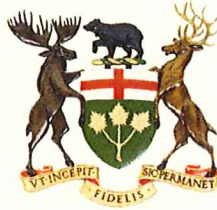


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Dear Mr. Best:

I am writing to provide an update regarding property tax reassessment.

Across Canada, including here in Ontario, families are feeling the pinch of inflation. As homeowners' mortgages come up for renewal, many are experiencing significant increases in the cost of living. Now more than ever, families need and deserve predictability in their household budgets.

As we determine next steps on property tax reassessments, we need to balance the need to support people during a time of high cost of living and ensuring property assessment information is up-to-date.

As a first step, our government will conduct a review of the property assessment and taxation system that will focus on fairness, affordability and business competitiveness. This will also include exploring modernized administration tools to provide support to municipalities with ongoing assessment base management and increased access to data, to enhance the transparency and equity of future assessments.

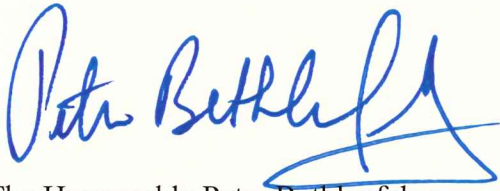
In order to maintain stability for taxpayers, we will continue to defer property reassessments until our work is complete.

Our government will engage with municipalities and other stakeholders as we work towards a more accurate and equitable property tax and assessment system for people and businesses. This includes ensuring that municipalities have the tools they need to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) on their ongoing assessments.

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We appreciate the input that AMO has provided to date and look forward to continuing to work with you and your members.

Yours sincerely,



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