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Dear Messrs. Nyberg & Ross:

Thank you very much for your letter and attached report regarding the removal of brownfield liens from qualifying properties in Ontario. I appreciate your taking the time to write and share your concerns on this matter.

I am pleased to say that the government has acted on many of the recommendations from your report entitled "National Brownfield Redevelopment Strategy for Canada". As you may be aware, in the 2005 Ontario Budget I announced that in the coming year, the Ministry of Finance will develop criteria for the removal of outstanding provincial tax liens on brownfield properties. The ministry will also work closely with the federal government to co-ordinate the removal of outstanding federal liens. In addition, the Ministry of Finance will undertake proposed amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to clarify program requirements for the Brownfields Financial Tax Incentive Program.

I would like to thank you both as representatives for the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy (NRTEE) and the Canadian Brownfields Network (CBN) for the advice your organizations have provided.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you again for sending me a copy of your report.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Sorbara', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg Sorbara
Minister