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Cc: The Honourable Dwight Duncan
Minister of Finance (financecommunications.fin@ontario.ca)

Dear Sir:

Thank you for providing me with an opportunity to provide feedback on your proposed objectives and initiatives for the coming year.

My feedback is in regards to you giving consideration to adopting alternate capital raising exemptions in Ontario in addition to the accredited investor and \$150,000 exemptions.

I am a resident of the Province of Ontario who would like to have access to a broader range of investment options; particularly I would like to have access to investments in the exempt market. I have learned that the exempt market offers easy to understand non-volatile investments where senior management is easily accessible. Having said that, I do not meet the lofty thresholds of an "accredited investor" and do not have the ability to place \$150,000 into a single investment. As such, the exempt market is unavailable to me despite my desire to invest in certain opportunities afforded by it.

I have become aware that Ontario is the only Province in Canada that restricts the general public from accessing investments in exempt market securities. I would like to see the Ontario Securities Commission adopt an exemption that would allow me and other "regular" Ontario residents to participate in the exempt market. In particular, I would like to see the Ontario Securities Commission adopt the Offering Memorandum exemption. When I lived in BC, I was free to invest my own money in opportunities I deemed appropriate after doing my own due diligence. Why should I be entitled to any less because I live in Ontario?

I encourage you to make adoption of this exemption a priority in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Mary Venneman