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CHIEFS OF ONTARIO

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Chiefs and Councils

CC: Political Confederacy

FROM: Ontario Regional Chief Angus Toulouse

DATE: May 25, 2010

RE: **HST TEMPLATE LETTER TO MINISTER FLAHERTY**

Please be advised that the Ontario government has written to the federal Minister of Finance as formal confirmation of Ontario's request for the First Nations point of sale exemption to be continued under the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). The letter dated May 18, 2010 from Minister Dwight Duncan to federal Minister of Finance, James Flaherty, is attached for your information.

Minister Flaherty indicated his intention to meet with First Nations leadership and we are now putting the necessary pressure on Minister Flaherty to fulfill this commitment and meet with the Political Confederacy as soon as possible.

To assist in this effort we have prepared the attached template letter to federal Minister of Finance, James Flaherty, for you to use as you deem appropriate. I encourage you to forward this letter in support of our collective efforts to ensure the continuance of the First Nation point sale tax exemption under the HST framework.

I appreciate your cooperation and ongoing support in this very important matter.

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