



May 27, 2010

The Honourable Dwight Duncan,  
Minister of Finance  
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The Honourable Harinder Takhar  
Minister of Government Services  
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Dear Minister:

Re: The Electronic Land Registration Services Act, 2010

The Ontario Bar Association (OBA), represents 17,500 lawyers in Ontario. A significant number of our members restrict their practice to real estate, many serving rural communities. Our organization believes that this legislation is of fundamental importance to our members and will significantly impact on the provision of real estate legal services to the public.

The Real Estate Bar is on the front line of electronic registration interacting with the Province and the system on a daily basis. The efficient operation of the electronic system is absolutely fundamental to the Real Estate Bar and the Real Estate Bar is uniquely positioned to help the Province create and maintain a state of the art electronic registration system that fully protects the public's interest.

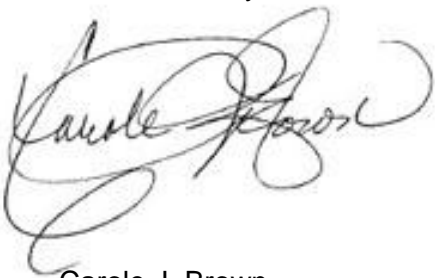
That this bill was introduced and passed without any consultation with the key stakeholder group involved in electronic land registration causes us significant concern. The knowledge and expertise that our membership can offer, as the most important users of the system, should not be sought after the fact.

While recognizing that the bill, as passed, is essentially establishing a framework which leaves the substantive details to future regulation, we are asking that the Ministry arrange promptly for appropriate stakeholder consultations to commence immediately.

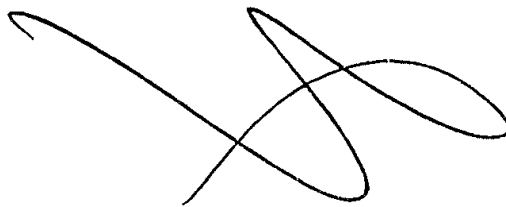
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The OBA has a strong and positive record of providing valuable advice to the government on a wide variety of legislative initiatives. We look forward to the opportunity of meeting with your Ministry and Minister's office staff prior to the government moving forward with drafting the regulations to the Electronic Land Registration Services Act.

Yours sincerely

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Carole J. Brown  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Schwartz". The signature is more stylized and abstract, with several loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Jeffrey Schwartz  
Chair, Real Property Law Section

c.c. The Hon. Chris Bentley,  
Attorney General of Ontario