

LONDON FRANCHISED AUTOMOBILE DEALERS' ASSOCIATION

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Honourable Joan Smith M.P.P.,
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Dear Mrs. Smith;

This letter represents the LONDON FRANCHISED AUTOMOBILE DEALERS' ASSOCIATION's concern regarding the proposed changes to the Holiday Closing Act.

Our Association represents approximately 1,000 employees who are also concerned about the impact of these proposals. The nature of our business requires considerable depth of knowledge and experience, particularly in regard to the compliance necessary with current regulations impacting our operations. Expanded hours would increase their hours of work and reduce the quality of service to the public.

We believe that these proposals are unfair and discriminatory to our sector of retail sales. It is our opinion that the automobile retail sales and service sector is worthy of exemption for the proposed changes.

We would also urge that the proposal for Sunday opening as a local option be reconsidered. Such an action would be confusing and inequitable. It is our policy that this is a provincial issue and, should Sunday opening be approved, the franchised dealers and their employees be specifically excluded.

We urge that you give this matter your utmost consideration. Should you require, further information on this topic is available, and our representatives would be happy to meet with you.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

LONDON FRANCHISED AUTOMOBILE DEALERS' ASSOCIATION

c.c. Premier David Peterson
Mayor Tom Gosnell

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