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Dear Mr. Butler:

Thank you for your letter dated February 15, 2005, regarding the initiative taken by your firm, in collaboration with the Ontario Bar Association, to reform Ontario business law. I appreciate the thorough and thoughtful submission that you have made on the point.

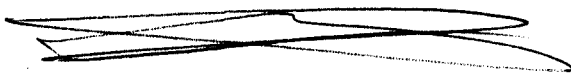
As you note, the lead minister for much of Ontario's business law is my colleague, the Honourable Jim Watson, Minister of Consumer and Business Services. However, my ministry is most actively involved in the Uniform Law Conference of Canada, whose Commercial Law Strategy is reflected in many elements of your proposals. In addition, I am responsible for some statutes with commercial implications, notably the Sale of Goods Act.

It is a persuasive thesis that commercial law is part of Ontario's economic infrastructure, and that it should be attended to and modernized like other parts of the infrastructure: roads, telecommunications, and the like. The government is helped in this task by intensive involvement of the private sector. Your initiative thus appears timely.

I will ensure that my officials assigned to statutes affected by your reform proposals are aware of them and will ask them to work constructively with you to the extent that their time and the ministry's responsibilities permit.

Thank you again for including me in the distribution of your documentation on business law reform.

Yours truly,


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*Thank you again!
I am very
interested.*