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Dear Mr. Durocher:

I want to thank you for the wonderful conversations we have had over the last years. Our discussion on the environmental impact of automobiles was illuminating, and I especially would like to thank you for your suggestion of a rebate on the purchase of automobiles that perform to high environmental standards.

Since then, I have had several highly productive conversations on this topic with the Hon. Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance. I am proud to inform you that Budget 2007 includes a rebate of up to \$2000 to purchasers of fuel-efficient vehicles.

As well, in those discussions with the Minister I explained the hardships that the manufacturing sector of Cambridge faces. Budget 2007 secures the right for manufacturers to write-off their capital investments in machinery and equipment acquired on or after March 19, 2007 and before 2009 through a special two-year 50 per cent straight-line rate.

You may also know that Budget 2007 requires key federal regulatory departments and agencies to achieve a 20 percent reduction in administrative and information obligations imposed on small business. It also reduces the tax compliance burden on small business by decreasing the frequency of their tax remittance and filing requirements.

The promotion of cleaner transportation combats pollution and helps to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. Reducing the burden on the manufacturing sector will help our economy overall.

Finally, enclosed is this week's *Hill Times*, with an article about our great city.

Thank you again for your integral contribution. Working on these issues with you was indeed a worthwhile endeavour.



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