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Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Ontario's Proposed Legislation Regarding Stickers on Gas Pumps

We are counsel to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association ("CCLA"). We are writing about the government's intention to pass legislation entitled Introducing Transparency Measures to Expose the True Cost of the Federal Carbon Tax (the "Act"). Amongst other things, the Act will require gas station owners to post on gas pumps, stickers setting out this government's position on the Federal carbon tax. Under the Act, failure to post the stickers will result in significant financial penalties.

The sticker as proposed constitutes compelled political speech and, at the very least, is an unreasonable violation of s.2(b) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. We ask that you abandon any efforts to move this legislation forward. Should this legislation pass, as is, we have been instructed to immediately commence a Charter challenge in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. In this regard we would like to meet with you to discuss a schedule for that challenge. We also ask that you ensure that all documents related to the Act, including but not limited to emails, memos, notes, reports etc., are preserved.

Yours very truly,

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