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Councillor Michael Walker
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Dear Councillor Walker:

Thank you for your inquiry. The "One Cent Now" campaign has been an extraordinary success in focusing the public’s attention on the municipal/federal fiscal imbalance. Torontonians gave me a mandate to pursue this campaign in the 2006 election. My advocacy was based on the City of Toronto's long-held position that a municipal government of our size should have access to a share of revenues that grow with the economy (e.g. sales or income taxes).

Since its inception, the campaign has been adopted by the Big City Mayor's Caucus (BCMC), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Senate of Canada, the Finance Minister of Ontario and the Premier of Ontario. The campaign has been instrumental in helping to forge a national consensus about the need for sustained permanent funding for our cities.

I appreciate your interest in the work Mayors are doing across Canada.

Yours truly,

Mayor David Miller
City of Toronto