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Mayor Rob Ford  
Office of the Mayor  
Toronto City Hall  
Toronto, Ont.  
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Dear Mr. Mayor,

For more than 50 years Co-op Cabs and our members have supported and assisted the City of Toronto as it embraced culture, recreation and tourism to become a world-class city.

Whether it has been providing reliable transportation for residents and tourists, engaging in the development of transportation solutions or in our role as a member of Tourism Toronto, we have continued to assist Toronto to reach its full potential. It is in that spirit that we add our voice to the Casino debate. Our board strongly believes that a casino modeled with the vision of an integrated resort could only enhance the City of Toronto's tourism offerings and Toronto's unique and distinct culture.

Specifically, we believe that the proposed Exhibition Place location will create a year round tourism destination that will augment other one-off-attractions in and around the site. In addition, we believe that improvements to the City's convention and cultural spaces will further drive increased tourism and trip travel for our members.

That said, Co-op Cabs continues to advocate our position that any development, Casino or otherwise, must have adequate accommodation for taxis.



Taxis provide a critical link to the transportation network and it has been a tragic oversight that the planning of the City's new hotels and attractions are too often sited without adequate (or any) taxi stands. It is our hope that integrated transit and transportation solutions, including taxis, are taken into full account, should the City of Toronto choose to become a willing host to a Casino.

I would be happy to discuss this with you or a member of your staff at your convenience.

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