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Hon. Tracy MacCharles
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Honourable Minister,

Following years of persistent advocacy by consumers and other stakeholders in the new home building industry, your Ministry finally acquiesced to demands of a full review of TARION. This review, conducted by Justice Cunningham, resulted in 37 recommendations that would improve transparency and strengthen consumer protection in an area where consumers need it most – the purchase and habitation of their home.

The results of Justice Cunningham's work should be brought forward to the Legislature and to the public for official discussion. In order to do so, we need your Ministry to craft the appropriate legislation implementing the Cunningham report and allow the Legislature and its Committees to do their job. Where legislation is unnecessary and the recommendation can be implemented by regulation, proposals should be posted as soon as possible on the Regulatory Registry and allow the public an extensive period for providing their input and feedback.

The impact of the reforms contemplated in the Cunningham report will likely be known over the course of years, rather than in the short term. In accordance with the Legislation Act, the government has 10 years to proclaim an Act or a section into force. In light of this, there is no reason to delay the introduction of legislation enacting the Justice's recommendations, as the government may already choose to set commencement dates at will by Proclamation.

I look forward to seeing legislative and regulatory initiatives reflecting Justice Cunningham's recommendations in the Fall session of the Legislature.

Regards,

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