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Dear Mr. Harris:

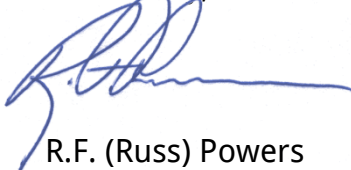
At its August Board of Directors meeting, the AMO Board supported a Private Member's Bill that you tabled, *Bill 73: Fair and Open Tendering Act (Labour Relations for Certain Public Sector Employers in the Construction Industry), 2013*.

Municipalities should be able to tender construction work in a free and open competitive environment to gain the most value for construction expenditures. The opportunity to openly tender projects keeps costs efficient in a time where fiscal resources are being stretched.

We agree with your approach to clarify legislation within the *Labour Relations Act*, so municipalities and school boards are not deemed construction employers. Municipalities are not engaged in the construction business for profit and therefore should not be considered a construction employer according to the Act.

We will monitor this Bill as it moves forward for second reading. Thank you for recognizing the fiscal constraints under which municipalities operate and for tabling this Bill.

Yours truly,



R.F. (Russ) Powers
President