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Dear Ms. Pinizzotto:

HPC needs your help. Join our Project Advisory Committee

The growth of the Condominium market in Canada has been significant. According Statistics Canada, in 2006, 11% of all household were condominiums. Ontario statistics indicate condominiums comprise almost 62% of the new home construction in the province. Many have acknowledged that there is a need to review and update condominium laws to better enhance consumer protection. A number of issues have been raised in recent Ontario consultations into Condominium Act reforms, including condo manager qualification.

The Homeowner Protection Centre, a new non-profit advocacy organization, has received funding from Industry Canada to undertake a research project titled *Condominium Manager – Examining the Impact of Regulation on Consumers*. This project seeks to provide an evidence basis to reform and update consumer protection in the condo marketplace. Our focus on the roles and responsibilities of condo managers will also help governments and consumer advocates to develop more informed positions.

As part of the project, the Homeowner Protection Centre is putting together a volunteer Project Advisory Committee to review the methodology, the preliminary results of the research, and the final report. We would like to invite you to become part of this volunteer committee. Your knowledge and expertise would be a welcome asset to the project. Communications will be face-to-face or through teleconference, as desired, across no more than three, half day meetings. We are planning our first meeting for May 2nd or 3rd.

Please feel free to contact me at ceara@homeownerprotection.ca or by phone at (416) 961-3487 with your decision and any questions you may have. You may also want to visit our website to acquaint yourself with our new organization.

Sincerely,

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