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Ministry of Government and Consumer Services 56 Wellesley Street West Toronto, ON M7A 1C1

Regulatory Proposal Number: 20-MGCS014

RE: Proposed Amendments to the Condominium Act, 1998 Respecting a Condo Guide

Thank you to the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services for providing an opportunity to share stakeholder input on this proposal concerning the regulatory implementation of a condominium guide.

The Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) supports a plain language condominium buyer's guide be proclaimed into force through the Condominium Act, 1998. We will continue seek legal clarity on what constitutes a "a person acting on behalf of or for the benefit of the declarant," which is a phrase used in the unproclaimed ss. 72 (1)-(2)".

We would also note that our members have the experience and expertise needed to inform the final language of the condo guide with respect to ensuring clarity on delayed & interim occupancy provisions, Tarion processes, condo cancellations, reserve funds and their corresponding studies. Having worked with the mechanics of these processes for decades, OHBA members have insights on how these processes can be communicated clearly for all parties. As such, we will continue to engage proactively with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, as well as the Condominium Authority of Ontario to share our industry insights and stakeholder perspectives.

OHBA looks forward to further engagement on the Condominium Act, 1998, as you continue this important process of engaging the public, stakeholders, and experts to make improvements on this regulatory framework.

Sincerely,

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