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Eliminate sales tax on automobiles, says Yakabuski

(Queen's Park) Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski says that the government should eliminate the sales tax on automobiles for a three month period as a way of stimulating the economy and at the same time, assisting the automobile industry.

He noted that while the government is committed to billions of dollars in bailout packages, no improvements can be made if cars are not being sold. In addition to this, Yakabuski stressed the importance of giving consumers a break which in turn will drive much needed sales during these difficult economic times.

“In the recent months car lots in Ontario have been jammed with inventory because sales are not being made,” Yakabuski said. “We need to do something that will give consumers an incentive to buy and in turn, ensure that the vehicle dealer network across the province that employs thousands of people, will have adequate resources to maintain those jobs.”

The thrust of Yakabuski's comments focused on the immediate need to stimulate the marketplace and he is calling on both the provincial and federal governments to eliminate the sales tax for the above mentioned 90 day period.

To assist in doing this MPP Yakabuski is also asking people to sign a petition that will bring this matter forward to government. He noted that the petition is available for signing both at car dealerships across Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke or at Yakabuski's Pembroke office.

“With the approaching provincial budget deadline date of March 26th, it is important that it include provisions that will benefit consumers, and not just larger corporations,” Yakabuski said. “I hope that this petition will assist us in that endeavor.”