



Premier of Alberta

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Mr. Franco Terrazzano
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Dear Franco,

Thank-you for your May 19, 2020, letter and your kind words of support as our government continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and other challenges. I appreciate your question regarding a provincial sales tax, and I am pleased to respond.

As you know, I successfully lobbied the government of Premier Ralph Klein to pass the *Taxpayer Protection Act* in 1995 that requires a referendum before a sales tax can be reintroduced.

The government that I lead fully supports the *Taxpayer Protection Act*. As long as I am Premier, Albertans will have the final say through a fair referendum vote on whether a hypothetical sales tax should be introduced. Moreover, our government will keep our platform commitment to strengthen the *Taxpayer Protection Act* before a government can impose a provincial carbon tax.

Thank-you for your letter, and your ongoing work to defend fiscal⁺ democratic accountability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Kenney".

Hon Jason Kenney
Premier of Alberta