RE: Letter to Premier Wynne re Pension Trustee 05 08 2017

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Subject: FW: Letter to Premier Wynne re Pension Trustee 05 08 2017
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Hi Jason. Just rec'd this and wanted to make sure you have it. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks and regards,

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May 8, 2017 **Via email:**

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The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier
Room 281, Main Legislative Building

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Dear Premier Wynne:

Re: The Appointment of OPSEU Pension Trust Government Trustee <u>to the Board of Directors of Home Capital Group Inc.</u>

I write in OPSEU's capacity as Sponsor of the OPSEU Pension Trust.

Certain facts have been made public which are a cause for concern with respect to the Board membership of the OPSEU Pension Trust.

Specifically, the appointment of OPSEU Pension Trust Government Trustee Alan Hibben to the Board of Directors of Home Capital Group Inc. has raised concerns for OPSEU and its members, who depend on this plan for their retirement income and the security of their families.

It cannot have escaped the Government's notice that the financial situation of Home Capital Group Inc. has been the subject of controversy, worry and concern not just among OPSEU's members, but on the part of the public at large. It has excited commentary in reputable media outlets throughout Canada.

In particular, the recent transaction between the Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan and Home Capital Group Inc. has attracted attention not just because of the magnitude of the transaction or the source of funds being provided to Home Capital, that being a public sector pension plan. It has attracted adverse professional attention in, among other outlets, the Globe and Mail, because of the fact that the President and CEO of HOOPP as well as an employer trustee of HOOPP were at the time also directors of the company in question. Whether this resulted in an actual conflict of interest is not the point. It is clear that it resulted in an appearance of a conflict of interest and a reputational risk which must be scrupulously guarded against in the interests of the health of any pension plan, its members, retirees and beneficiaries, and the overall interests of all workers in stable, well managed pension plans.

It now seems that the Government is prepared to create the same potential appearance of a conflict of interest and reputational risk in the context of the OPSEU Pension Trust. Government Trustee Alan Hibben has been appointed to the Board of Home Capital Group Inc. and has, to date, apparently declined to

resign his position as Trustee on the OPSEU Pension Trust.

I am writing to you to express in the strongest possible terms that this is not appropriate, should not have happened and must be corrected immediately.

OPSEU, as Sponsor and on behalf of its affected members, strenuously objects to Alan Hibben being a Government appointee to the OPSEU Pension Trust while he holds the position of director on the board of Home Capital Group Inc. Further, we take the position that the appointment to our pension plan Board of Trustees must be withdrawn in light of the potential conflicts and the actual reputational risk to the OPSEU Pension Trust.

We look forward to your earliest constructive response to these concerns and anticipate that you will take all appropriate steps to rectify the situation.

Yours truly.

Warren (Smokey) Thomas
President, OPSEU
(Signed letter attached)

cc. Mr. Hugh O'Reilly
CEO and President, OPTrust

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Pensez à l’environnement avant d’imprimer ce message.