Just say NO!!

…to a Municipal Vehicle Registration Tax

PETITION - To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

Whereas, there is growing concern that during its review of the Municipal Act, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs is considering allowing municipalities the authority to implement a vehicle registration tax; and

Whereas, based on the City of Toronto's previous attempt to implement a – now eliminated – vehicle registration tax at $60/vehicle, the vehicle registration tax would have the potential to increase taxes on Ontario vehicle owners by $660 million per year; and

Whereas, vehicle ownership costs already include purchase/leasing costs, gas, insurance, maintenance, licence fees and deprecation; and

Whereas, Consumers pay four separate taxes on gasoline (14.7c/L Ontario gas tax; 10 c/L federal gas tax, 5% federal and 8% provincial HST), and in Jan 2017, a 4.3 c/L carbon tax...with HST added; and

Whereas, the province already imposes a slate of fees upon vehicle registration that include: Vehicle permit ($20), plate with permit ($40), plate sticker (Northern Ontario-$54, Southern Ontario-$108); and

Whereas, a Nanos Research poll indicates, 71 per cent of Ontarians do not support municipalities having the ability to tax vehicles and 83 per cent feel the family car is a necessity to run their household; and

Whereas, in response to questioning from MPP Steve Clark, Dec. 10, 2015, Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Ted McMeekin failed to rule out the province of Ontario granting municipalities the authority to charge a vehicle registration tax.

***We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows*:**
Just say NO to allowing municipalities the authority to charge a vehicle registration tax.

Name (printed)	Address – and email optional - (printed)	Signature