

June 4, 2025

Hon. Victor Fedeli, MPP
Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade
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Re: OPPI Feedback on Bill 2 – Protect Ontario Through Free Trade Within Canada Act, 2025

The Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) welcomes the Government's commitment to reducing barriers to trade and labour mobility through Bill 2, the *Protect Ontario Through Free Trade Within Canada Act, 2025*. This legislation is an important step toward streamlining interprovincial labour mobility.

As the recognized voice of the planning profession and the regulator of Registered Professional Planners (RPPs) in Ontario, OPPI represents more than 5,000 members working across the public, private, and non-profit sectors. Under the *Ontario Professional Planners Institute Act, 1994*, OPPI grants the RPP designation and sets the academic, experiential, and ethical standards for membership. We offer this feedback on Bill 2 in our capacity as regulator.

OPPI already maintains a membership transfer protocol with other provincial and territorial regulators, which allows for the smooth transfer of members between jurisdictions. This system supports both mobility and regulatory integrity.

The cornerstone of OPPI membership is a commitment to defining and serving the public interest. All Candidate and Full (RPP) members must be conversant with, and are held accountable to, the Institute's Professional Code of Practice. Importantly, our jurisdiction only extends to individuals who are current Candidate or Full members; those practising planning in Ontario without membership cannot be held accountable to our Code.

In this context, while OPPI supports the intent of the “as of right” provision in Bill 2, we recommend clearer legislative language to confirm that individuals practising under this status fall within the jurisdiction of Ontario-based regulators. Specifically, the legislation should clarify that once an Ontario regulator acknowledges receipt of an individual's certificate of qualification, that individual is considered a member and is fully subject to the regulator's rules, regulations, and code of ethics. This clarity is essential to ensure regulatory consistency and uphold the public interest across jurisdictions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important legislation. OPPI remains committed to working collaboratively with the Government of Ontario to support labour mobility while upholding strong professional and public interest standards.

Sincerely,



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