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To: President

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Subject: Re: Message from the President of the Canadian Bar Association BC Branch

Hi Miriam:

Earlier today I received an email regarding this matter; it read:

The Green Party of BC does not have a position on this particular question, but we would study it in our overall review of the application sales taxes. We would redesign the sales tax system to shift more taxes onto goods and services which are not healthy for humans and the environment, and less tax on those that promote healthy living and a sustainable environment. While we support in general, the concept that businesses, including law offices, should have a competitive tax environment in BC, we also are aware that it is important to maintain government revenues and that it is all too easy to make promises that cost a lot to deliver.

I have not had a chance to personally review this tax issue, but I will add that you made an interesting point in about the PST being a burden on new-economy businesses. I would be interested to learn more about this issue, and those like it.

Regards,

Jennifer