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27th November 2015

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

The Minister of Finance

Ministry of Finance  
The Secretariat  
Colombo 01

Dear Sir,

**Request for a Tax relief for a vehicle**

I wish to write this letter to draw your kind attention to the predicament I am facing as a result of the tax rate increase and to seek a redress.

I placed an order for a vehicle on XX October 2015 to import it from Japan and placed the LC also on XX October 2015. I handed over the relevant clearance documents to the clearing agent on XXth November 2015 in view to get the vehicle cleared from Sri Lanka Customs Department during the same week.

Unfortunately, due to a shipment delay that had been caused as a result of the slow loading operation at the Port in Taiwan, the vehicle arrived at Hambanthota Port only on 23rd November 2015, by that time the taxes had been increased. Consequently, I have to pay a significant additional amount as taxes.

Hence, I would be very much grateful to you if you kindly consider my plight and allow me to get the vehicle cleared from Sri Lanka Customs at the tax rate which prevailed before the budget.

I am attaching the letter issued by the shipping agent certifying the delay is attached for your kind reference.

Your prompt attention on this matter is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

(Mr.) XXXXX

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