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 Urgent Return Receipt

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Subject: GST

No GST.

Plain and simple, no, full-stop, NO!

I have read the government document (with its exemptions) and still maintain that this tax is not needed, and poses an undue hardship on middle and low-income families. We don't need to pay a tax on goods AND services! We don't need to pay tax on buying a postage stamp, on paying utility bills, on paying for insurance, on medical visits, etc. etc. Families don't need to pay more in the form of taxes for school books, uniforms, school fees, additional school expenses etc. etc. And what about public transit? We don't need to pay more for daily commuting. You can not argue that since this is a "consumption and spending tax" that poorer families will exercise more discretion in their spending and therefore pay less GST. Nonsense! All families need to buy basics for daily life and survival with no additional tax.

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