

WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce

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Hon. Percy Mockler
Senator
Chair, Senate Standing Committee on National Finance

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Senator
Deputy Chair, Senate Standing Committee on National Finance

Senate of Canada
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Dear Senators:

Although Finance Minister Morneau has announced a number of changes this week, local business organizations and the small businesses they represent need to voice their opinions on these measures, which remain quite confusing, as well as those that are not yet fully defined. The government's tax proposals are extremely complex and we need to ensure that they do not erode the competitiveness, viability and growth potential of small businesses. The Committee's hearings planned across Canada in the next few weeks are an important venue to get the voice of business – our members – heard.

Many small business owners across the country have not had the opportunity to express their concerns and thoughts on the proposed tax changes, since they were often barred or simply not invited to participate in the government's consultations. They are, therefore, counting on the Committee's hearings to share their opinions specifically on these changes, and on what is necessary to protect the growth and increase the competitiveness of Canada's small businesses.

As the President & CEO of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce, I urge you to continue to hear from business on the government's proposed tax reforms at the upcoming hearings.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and please accept my best regards,



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