July 18, 2017 Federal tax proposals

Dear XXX, MP and Mr. Morneau, Minister of Finance

I am writing you to express my deep concern with the Federal Government’s proposed tax measures which increase taxes on middle‐class entrepreneurs whom I believe are the drivers of Canada’s economy. I do not believe that these proposed tax measures achieve the Liberals’ objectives of helping middle‐class families on the backs of the wealthy ones, as promised in your campaigning. I am not opposed to well planned and executed tax reform, however I believe that the Liberal government has substantially missed the mark with these proposals.

I believe that removing incentives for entrepreneurs to take risks and employ Canadians will cause many small business owners to leave Canada. I value Canada’s entrepreneurs, doctors, and farmers and I don’t believe that rushing into such dramatic tax policy changes are the way to express my appreciation for all that they have contributed to Canada.

Before enacting any such changes, I believe you have a duty to answer the following questions to all Canadians:

* Who will benefit from these changes? If it is the middle‐class, why are you attempting to increase their taxes?
* On what basis has the government decided that the features of the current small business taxation system are no longer desirable or required?
* With regards to the ‘fairness’ the government aims to achieve, does the government intend to provide EI, funded pension plans, funded vacation pay and funded sick days to Canadian entrepreneurs?
* Does the government believe that tax rates of up to 93% are fair to Canadian entrepreneurs?
* Does starting a business entail considerable risks and costs?
* What incentives are provided for entrepreneurs to take those risks in Canada?

The gravity of these proposals and the irresponsibly short consultation timeline are shocking to me. The government’s decision on these proposals will weigh heavily on my vote in 2019. I implore you to represent my concerns for the sake of Canada as this continuing uncertainty is devastating our entrepreneurs’ faith in our country.

The articles below (among others) highlight my incredible concerns from industry experts and affected businesses.

Yours truly,

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Meaningful questions that must be answered before tax reform for private corporations is

implemented (Connors Stilwell)

Canada’s tax proposals read like a class‐warfare manifesto against private businesses (Financial

Post, Kim Moody and Kenneth Keung)

The demonization of small business and their advisors (Moodys Gartner)

Ottawa's tax proposals are hypocritical and inequitable (National Post)

Petition ‐ Extend consultation for proposed changes to private corporation taxation (Video Tax

News)

After the fall harvest, Canadian farmers could face huge tax hit from new rules (National Post)

Canadian Doctors Like Me Are Starting To Look For The Exit (Adam Stewart, MD, CCFP)

Proposed Tax Changes May Hit Your Family Farm Hard! (Kingston Ross Pasnak LLP)

The Great Canadian Tax Grab (Collins Barrow)

Senator Black Requests Hearings Over Concerns for Canadians on the Government’s Tax Reform

(Senator Doug Black)

Government’s tax reform AM770 (Senator Doug Black)

See Beyond the 1% (Tax Templates Inc.)

How Not to Reform Taxation (Tax Templates Inc.)

Moneybags Morneau reprimands rich people for having brains (National Post)

Federal proposals will chase entrepreneurs away (Tax Templates Inc.)

Is a 93% Tax Rate Fair to Canadian Small Business Owners? (Minden Gross LLP)

A 93% tax rate? Private corporation tax could make it possible (Financial Post)

Reaction of Robert Raich to proposed federal tax changes announced on July 18, 2017 (Spiegel

Sohmer)

Proposed tax reforms don't crack down on the wealthy; they threaten small business (Ottawa

Citizen)

Bill Morneau needs to start taking tax fairness seriously (Macleans)

Should doctors demand salaries, benefits? (Toronto Sun)

Look At The Numbers: There's No Justifying A Tax Hike On Employers (Huffington Post)

Trudeau's tax proposals will bring much of Canada to a screeching halt (The Surburban)

Red paper proposed tax changes on private companies (Spacek, Armstrong, and Norrad

Chartered Professional Accountants)

Incorporation changes will hurt MDs — and you (Times Colonist)

Morneau’s tax changes will hurt those Liberals claim to help (Toronto Sun)

Industry groups come out strongly against Ottawa’s proposed tax changes (Investment

Executive)

Small business owners say they are unfairly targeted by proposed tax changes (CBC)

Canadian doctors will be hurt by proposed tax change (Vancouver Sun)

Open Letter to All Canadian Politicians (Rohit Kumar)

Concerns over proposed tax changes (The Daily Courier)

Morneau's tax changes won't just hurt the ‘rich,' they will hurt growth (Financial Post)

Morneau’s tax‐loophole speech masks reality (Times Colonist)

Morneau turns to class warfare to justify a massive attack on high earners (Financial Post)

CMA head criticizes federal corporate tax plan, says it will harm patient care (Globe and Mail)

Beware the unintended consequences of Ottawa's private corporation tax changes (Financial

Post)

The Liberals will only weaken the middle class if they proceed with proposed tax changes (Globe

and Mail)

Tax changes will encourage doctors to leave (The Star)

Canada’s tax system is needlessly complicated (Edmonton Sun)

Morneau's tax changes provoke a firestorm (Toronto Sun)

Tax changes would hurt profitable businesses, opponents warn Ottawa (The Globe and Mail)

Federal Tax Changes Show a Profound Misunderstanding of Independent Business (Jordimorgan)

Small businesses and farms need to stand up to the Liberals lousy new tax plans (Calgary Sun)

The Liberal tax plan is hardly about fairness (Ottawa Citizen)

Tax Proposals Target Canadian Business Owners (Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP)

Let me tell you a story about a man named Jed, the tax man, and the discriminatory impact of

the proposed new tax rules for private companies (Cummings Cooper Schusheim Berliner LLP)

A tale of two sisters, a tax horror story (Cummings Cooper Schusheim Berliner LLP)

A story about the birds and the beebes (Cummings Cooper Schusheim Berliner LLP)

"Red" Billy Morneau rings the death knell for the entrepreneurial spirit in the name of

"fairness"! (Trevor Parry Consulting)

Doctors and other professionals push back against proposed tax reforms aimed at high earners

(National Post)

Proposed Federal Tax Changes Punish People Who Take Risks and Create Jobs (Huddle)

Small‐business owners ‘feeling the brunt' of policy changes (Globe and Mail)

Private Company Income Splitting Proposals ‐ Part 1: The History and a Technical Analysis (Kevin

Nightingale)

Private Company Income Splitting Proposals ‐ Part 2: Can it be Practically Administered? (Kevin

Nightingale)

Growing Concerns with Proposed Amendments Affecting Private Businesses and their

Shareholders (Bennett Jones)

Letter Regarding Impact of Proposed Tax Changes on Patient Care in Canada (Dr. Ryan Sander,

MD)

I'm back in the 1950s': Saint John dentist says proposed tax changes punish women (Kelly Keys

Manning)

My Letter to Mr. Morneau (Wayne Macleod)

Tax Planning RIP (1917 ‐ 2017) (Aaron Schechter)

Liberals declare war on Canada's Job‐Creators, Families, and Local Investment (Eric Butz)

Fair means equal for all Canadian taxpayers? Our Federal Government thinks so (Rachel Gervais)

Coach, the Liberal Government doesn't give a sh\*t about you (Adam Scherer)

Will new tax proposals force your family to sell? (Michael Sadovnick)

A business owner's fair share (Hugh Neilson)

Misguided tax policy (Joel Cohen)

Conservatives prepare to 'ramp up' campaign against Morneau's tax‐reform plan (National Post)

Canadian business leaders meet to form conclusions on stance against proposed taxation

changes for private corporations and shareholders (Newswire)