**TEMPLATE**

Hon. Bill Morneau

Minister of Finance

House of Commons

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Dear Minister Morneau,

I am writing today to register my concern with the proposed tax changes announced on July 18, 2017. As a business operator, I am deeply concerned with the impact of these tax changes on my ability to plan my business and earn a living.

While no one is opposed to fairness within the tax system, these changes present a significant burden on those of us who have planned careers and taken risks with the existing tax structure as an expected and critical part of the long-term planning process.

The impact of these changes will, overnight, completely change the profitability and feasibility of operating privately held corporations. Independent operators and family businesses across Canada rely on that income to:

pay back loans taken out to purchase or start businesses in the first place;

plan for family and life events from maternity leave and retirement to basic sick leave;

prepare for downturns in the business cycle; and

to plan for business growth, development and training.

This list is not exhaustive, but each reason given is critical to the viability of many Canadian businesses.

I know because I am one of the thousands of Canadian who will be impacted.

[*If you wish to add cases specific to your business this is an ideal place*.]

 I ask that your Ministry abandon these proposals or, at the very least, delay the changes long enough for proper public consultation and independent economic analysis.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

[*Your Name*

*Title*

*Business*

*Address line 1*

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CC: [*Your Member of Parliament – if different than Minister Goodale or Mr. Scheer. Include their riding name.*]

 Hon. Ralph Goodale

 Andrew Scheer, MP

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