

February 1, 2016

Hon. William Francis Morneau
Minister of Finance
Department of Finance Canada
90 Elgin Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0G5

Dear Minister Morneau:

On behalf of 128 member community chambers representing over 24,000 businesses across Alberta, the Alberta Chambers of Commerce ("ACC") appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and input as part of your pre-budget consultation process. You will find our budget submission enclosed for your review and consideration.

Our submission presents recommendations that are based on policies developed by our members and approved by the ACC, and adopted nationally by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. The context of these recommendations is important. Alberta businesses face mounting costs as a result of layering of new financial burdens onto business in what is an already vulnerable business climate, with external threats of the dramatically reduced price for our province's key commodity. The resulting challenges and opportunities for business require responsible and responsive economic development and fiscal management policies at all levels of government. Our positions are presented with this context in mind, and with the goal of achieving long term prosperity for all Canadians.

Our business community is resilient and optimistic, and believes that Canadians have the tools to overcome all current challenges. As you engage with Canadians on this budget, we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the solutions we believe can be applied to our fiscal challenges.

If you would like to arrange a meeting, please contact Ken Kobly (780.975.1659) or at kkobly@abchamber.ca.

Sincerely,



Carman R. McNary, Q.C.
Chair



Ken Kobly, FCPA, FCGA
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CC: Hon. Rachel Notley, Premier of Alberta, and Alberta Federal Liberal Caucus members

Enclosures