

Office of the President and
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December 5, 2014

Hon. Dr. Kellie Leitch, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Labour and
Minister of Status of Women
165 Hotel-de-Ville Street
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0J2

Dear Minister:

In September, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce concluded its 85th Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Charlottetown, PEI. A highlight of the Canadian Chamber's AGM is the Policy Session, where the resolutions submitted by local chambers of commerce and boards of trade from across Canada are debated and voted on by accredited delegates. Once approved, these resolutions become policy of the Canadian Chamber for the following three years.

In 2014, our delegates issued a clear and decisive national policy mandate that we intend to pursue vigorously with the federal government over the coming months. Our renewed national policy mandate includes the following issue that falls within your portfolio:

Trucking Disruption of Terminal Operations at Port Metro Vancouver

Port Metro Vancouver is a major economic enabler and vital to Canada's status as a trading nation. Disruptions of port activities have major impacts on Canada's economic health. For example, the most recent trucking disruption had an economic cost of approximately \$3.5 billion. Industry remains concerned that remedies to date are band-aid solutions that fail to provide a more permanent solution. To this end the federal government should: examine the factors affecting employment of union and non-union employees under conflicting conditions; look into the legal ramifications of this type of employment under provincial and federal legislation; adopt best practices of trucking employment in comparable port jurisdictions; and include industry representation throughout the process.

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A copy of the complete text of this resolution is attached and we would be pleased to discuss it with you or your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Perrin Beatty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Perrin Beatty
President and Chief Executive Officer

Attachment

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Mr. Perrin Beatty
President and Chief Executive Officer
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce
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~~Dear Mr. Beatty:~~

Thank you for your letter of December 5, 2014 concerning trucking and terminal operations at Port Metro Vancouver. I appreciate receiving a copy of the related resolution adopted at the 85th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

As the port is an important component of Canada's strategic gateways and trade corridors, and given Transport Canada's longstanding work to improve the functioning of the port container trucking sector, I have provided a copy of the resolution to my colleague, the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Dr. K. Kellie Leitch, P.C., O.Ont., M.P.

cc. The Honourable Lise Raitt, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport

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