

June 10, 2016

Hon. Scott Brison, P.C., M.P.  
President of the Treasury Board  
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Dear Scott:

I am writing to discuss the Canada/US Regulatory Cooperation program which was recently transferred to you from the Privy Council Office.

We have been strong supporters of this initiative since its inception some years ago, and we remain convinced this is one of the most useful examples of cooperation in our relationship with the United States. We were pleased to see it getting such strong endorsement from the Prime Minister and the President during their summit in Washington on March 10.

The transfer of the program to the Treasury Board, and the subsequent changes of personnel, which we're just learning about, is a concern. This initiative is chiefly a diplomatic one, and characterized by a close working relationship with industry. These two aspects suggest your officials in the Board will need to work outside their traditional roles to maintain its progress.

This is a program which has good support within the Canadian Chamber. The recent regulatory summit in Washington was evidently quite successful and some Chamber members have seen benefits from improved cooperation across the border. I know the initiative has a following among my US colleagues as well.

We understand that organizational decisions are not necessarily indicative of the government's policies, and we acknowledge that you yourself are experienced and well equipped to advance the goals and operations of this project. But amid the many priorities confronting you and your officials it seems quite possible this project might lose support and momentum, and the Chamber of Commerce urges you to ensure that doesn't happen.

I would be pleased to discuss this matter further at your convenience, but in the meantime, please be assured of our support for an effective implementation of this program.

Sincerely,



Perrin Beatty