

Office of the President and  
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Cabinet du président  
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December 5, 2014

Ms. Janice Charette  
Clerk of the Privy Council and  
Secretary to the Cabinet  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A3  
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Dear Ms. Charette:

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 which falls within your portfolio:

**Greater Regulatory Harmonization between Canada and the United States**  
Canada and the United States (U.S.) enjoy one of the most integrated market environments in the world. Unfortunately, the efficiency created by this integration is constantly being undermined by different regulatory policies. Such differences mean that a considerable amount of time, money and human resources are spent ensuring compliance with regulations on both sides of the border. Canadian businesses welcome the work being done through the Canada-U.S. Regulatory Cooperation Council but believe that there is more that can be done. In particular the federal government should work with the U.S. government to: adopt a unified approach to reporting requirements, safety, security and environmental standards; foster cooperation amongst all relevant government agencies on both sides of the border; create an institutionalized mechanism for regulatory cooperation which includes advanced notification of potential regulatory changes; and ensure that new regulations are based on science and include an analysis of potential economic impacts.

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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

Attachments