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The Honourable Perrin Beatty, P.C.
President and Chief Executive Officer
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce
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Dear Mr. Beatty:

Thank you for your letter of December 10, 2015, regarding the policy resolutions arising from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's 86th Annual General Meeting.

As Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, I have a mandate to create an inclusive and comprehensive Innovation Agenda, which will contribute to higher growth and opportunities for Canadians. Our approach to innovation will be built through engagement with Canadians and the voice of business. As Canada's largest business association, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce is a vital connection between businesses and the federal government, and its policy resolutions and debate around the best path forward provide critical input.

The Canadian Chamber's 2015 policy resolutions present a wide array of recommendations addressing issues identified as critical to the growth and prosperity of all Canadians: access to a powerful workforce, to capital, to technology and innovation, and to markets. These issues are at the core of my mandate and align with my overarching goal to help businesses grow, innovate and export so they can create good-quality jobs and wealth for Canadians.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss the Canadian Chamber's policy recommendations in greater detail as we work together to build an inclusive Innovation Agenda for Canada.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Navdeep Bains, P.C., M.P.

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