



March 23, 2010

The Honourable Tony Clement, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Industry
C.D. Howe Building
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Dear Minister:

In December, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce passed a number of outstanding policy resolutions following up on our Annual General Meeting in October.

Beyond those issues we have already brought to your attention, our national policy mandate includes a number of additional issues that fall within your portfolio.

Stopping the Brain Drain of highly-qualified researchers, graduate students and research assistants: It's important that Canada continue to strive for a better balance between funding for research infrastructure and funding for research personnel. The Canadian Chamber recommends that the federal government work with its provincial and territorial counterparts to review the R&D granting structure to strike a proper balance necessary to ensure that investments in research infrastructure will positively impact Canada's economy.

Stabilizing the Hog Industry through Facilitating the Creation of a Trade-neutral, Producer-driven, Price-stabilization Fund: While last fall's program of federal aid for hog producers is helpful, more still needs to be done. The Canadian Chamber recommends that the federal government, acting in a manner consistent with Canada's international trade and investment obligations, facilitate the establishment of a private-sector financed price-stabilization fund.

Ensuring Canada's Economic Success Using Information and Communications Technology: The federal government must continue to do more to stimulate the adoption of information and communications technologies (ICT) in Canada. To that end, the Canadian Chamber looks

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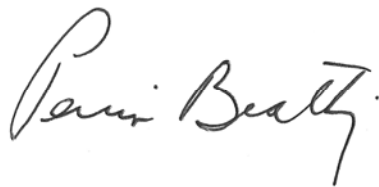


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forward to participating in the government's Digital Economy Strategy. The federal government needs to continue to promote investments in next-generation networks and actively encourage youth to get involved and engaged in ICT. An increased emphasis on SMEs, as noted in Budget 2010, is welcomed.

I would like to discuss these issues with you directly in the near future and look forward to speaking with you.

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Perrin Beatty
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cc. The Hon. Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

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