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Dear [MP Name Here, proper salutation is Mr./ Ms. Last Name]:

I am writing today as a concerned small-business owner regarding the consultation paper and draft legislation released by the Minister of Finance July 18th, 2017. I believe the proposal, “Tax Planning for Private Corporations”, if enacted, will have serious implications for all private businesses in Canada. As the backbone of the Canadian economy this is a critically important issue for all private businesses, my own included – and I hope our collective voice will matter.

I am worried your government does not appreciate the important role independent businesses play in Canada. Specifically, my business will be impacted by the following:

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* Dropping your promise to cut the small business corporate tax rate to 9%
* Raising CPP premiums on my payroll for 7 straight years starting in 2019
* Hiking EI Premiums by 3% in 2018
* Introducing and raising carbon taxes/ pricing for 5 years starting in 2018
* Your proposal to limit sharing business income with family members
* your proposal to raise taxes on investments held by my business

As an entrepreneur I am happy to pay my fair share of taxes, and want to remind the government of the risks I take as a business owner – none of my employees use their home or assets as collateral – entrepreneurs do so that our employees can have jobs. Raising taxes on my businesses investments will limit my retained earnings thus impacting my ability to grow my business (creating more jobs) in good times, and subsequently riding out the bad times while maintaining jobs for my employees. The expectation that I pay $1.40 for every EI dollar an employee pays will greatly impact my payroll possibly resulting in less job availability in my business. Couple that with increased CPP costs.

Your government has said that this proposed plan will impact a small number of people who are abusing the system. A loophole-closer. If enacted, what it will be is a business closer. Experts have reported that these changes could impact many small businesses, in all sectors – family businesses, farming and professionals alike.

As a business owner I pay my fair share. I provide jobs for Canadians, I pay my taxes as required, and I pride myself in playing a role in the economic development of this fine Country. This purposed tax legislation will weaken us. Small business owners will be forced to consider whether or not the price is worth the struggle to continue to be the backbone of the Canadian economy, providing jobs for fellow Canadians, or working 24/7 to create a thriving business in a highly competitive global world market.

I urge you to listen to small-business owners and reconsider this legislation. While attempting to close what some consider a loophole you have instead targeted a population of the country that is focused on development, economic growth, and jobs for Canadians. Consider the future of entrepreneurship for Canada – who would take the risk when you’re considering making the cost so high?

Sincerely,

[Your Name Here]

[Your Business Name Here]