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Honourable Percy Paris  
Minister  
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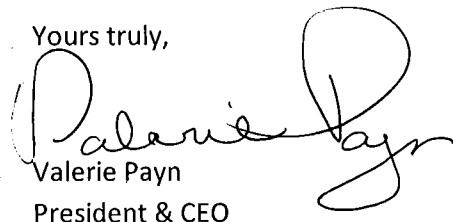
Dear Minister Paris:

When the Province's Economic Strategy – *jobsHere* – was released in November 2010, the Chamber was encouraged to see a singular growth strategy designed to build on our existing strengths and assets, strategically focus on our weaknesses and shortcomings, and leverage the opportunities that are currently available to us.

We did at that time note that a great economic framework by no means guarantees its success. Accountability, transparency and measurements would be needed. In our view public accountability for the progress of *jobsHere* is essential and should be done annually.

While this Strategy has the potential to be transformational for our province, in past years economic growth initiatives for our province have been victim to election cycles. As we move into the last year of the government's mandate, this is the time to report and show your commitment to clear, transparent accountability. What was promised? What was done? What are the outcomes? What has changed?

Yours truly,



Valerie Payn  
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