

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Office of the Premier  
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Dear Premier McNeil,

Reducing the tax burden is a major part of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce's 2013-2018 Strategic Plan. It is an issue we feel very strongly about and it has been a significant feature in our recent communications to all levels of government. We fully support your government's decision to create a provincial tax working group to examine the recommendations of the Broten Report and help chart a way forward on tax issues.

We would like to formally request a seat on the tax working group for a well-qualified Chamber representative. Having formal participation from an organization that represents Nova Scotia businesses of all sizes will help the working group craft balanced recommendations. Once we know the working group's terms of reference we would be pleased to recommend someone that will complement the group's existing skillset.

The Halifax Chamber strongly believes that governments deserve support when they make tough decisions. There are no easy answers when it comes to tax issues and we want to provide your government with any assistance we can in navigating such a difficult topic. If you would like to discuss our proposal further, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Sincerely,



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