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Dear MP Bagnell (Larry),

Thank you for speaking to both myself and my chair at the United Way breakfast this morning. While we very disappointed by your view that the government will not alter its October 2 consultation deadline, I very much appreciate your direction to provide comments and input in advance of that date.

We have conveyed this information to our chamber membership and encouraged them to reach out to Minister Morneau by email today, over the weekend or before midnight on Monday.

It was clear from the questions raised by the business community at last night's chamber meeting that this is an issue of grave concern for the Yukon business community. I needn't remind you that with an absence of large businesses up here (i.e. the Ford Motor Companies and IBM's of the world), changes to tax legislation for small businesses disproportionately impacts the business community of the North compared to the southern provinces.

Assuming that you are right in your assessment related to the close of consultation date (while hoping that you are wrong), I would like to work with you to set up a follow-up session with the Yukon business community on this subject once the draft legislation has been released. This will provide you and the business community with more detailed information that will allow us to assess the potential impact on Yukon small business.

The Yukon Chamber of Commerce, working with the Whitehorse Chamber and the other four community chambers of commerce would like to have you attend and speak as a representative of the government, and field questions and hear input from your constituents.

You would know better than I the likely timeframe for the release of draft legislation, but I would like to work with you and your office to ensure that as soon as possible after the release of that document, the Yukon Chamber can work with you to facilitate an informed engagement on the subject.

I would appreciate your reply, along with your thoughts on a likely timeframe and potential days that work best for your schedule. I appreciate the fact that you sent in Parliament most of the week, and expect that a Friday will best work for you.

I'd be happy to speak with you directly on this subject, or you or your office can reply in response to this letter.

Most sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter M. Turner", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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