

## 2014 Policy Resolution Activity Update

<b>FINANCE AND TAXATION</b>			
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<b>Resolution</b>	<b>CCC Actions Taken</b>	<b>Planned CCC Actions</b>	<b>Government Actions to Date</b>
<b>Fiscal Policy</b>	<p>Aug. /14: Pre-budget submission to Finance Canada</p> <p>Oct. 28/14: Testimony to House Finance Committee</p> <p>Feb 5/ 15: Launched the <i>Top 10 Barriers to Competitiveness</i>, with tax simplification and balanced budgets at the core.</p> <p>Dec. 5/14: letter to Minister of Finance Joe Oliver.</p> <p>Dec. 3/14: Meeting with Tax Policy Branch</p>		<p>Balancing the budget is one of the government's top priorities, in spite of challenges from low oil prices.</p> <p>In its report "<i>Towards Prosperity: Federal Budgetary Priorities for People, Businesses and Communities</i>", the House Committee on Finance recommended that the government focus on balancing the budget and gradual tax reduction.</p>
<b>Technical Amendments, Implementation of Tax Law Changes and Retroactive Tax Legislation</b>	<p>Dec. 5/14: letter to Minister of Finance Joe Oliver</p> <p>Dec. 3/14: Meeting with Tax Policy Branch</p>		
<b>Pertinent Loan or Indebtedness</b>	<p>Dec. 5/14: letter to Minister of Finance Joe Oliver</p> <p>Dec. 3/14: Meeting with Tax Policy Branch</p>		
<b>Taxation of Corporate Groups</b>	<p>Dec. 5/14: letter to Minister of Finance Joe Oliver</p> <p>Dec. 3/14 : Meeting with Tax Policy Branch</p>		
<b>Tax Credits for Supporting Growth in Canada's Music Industry</b>	<p>Dec. 5/14: letter to Minister of Finance Joe Oliver</p> <p>Dec. 3/14 : Meeting with Tax Policy Branch</p>		
<b>Enhancing access to the Registered Disability Savings Plan for disabled employees</b>	<p>Dec. 5/14: letter to Minister of Finance Joe Oliver</p> <p>Dec. 3/14: Meeting with Tax Policy Branch</p>		

<p><b>Enhancing the Timely Submission of Documents to CRA</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: letter to Minister of National Revenue Kerry-Lynne D Findlay.</p> <p>Dec. 12/14: Presentation/Discussion with CRA's Red Tape Reduction team</p>	<p>Follow- up with CRA in May 2015, once the consultation results have been published.</p>	<p>Businesses or their authorized representative may submit scanned copies of receipts and most documents requested by the CRA, as well as additional information related to a completed review, using a secure online service through <i>My Account</i>, or <i>Represent a Client</i>; once received, follow-up copies will not be needed by the CRA.</p> <p>Response to consultations is expected to be available in the spring of 2015. The resultant CRA commitments will focus on the highest priorities identified by small and medium business participants.</p>
<p><b>The Locked-in Estate Trust - A Response to Canada's Retirement Income Challenges</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14 letter to Minister of Finance Joe Oliver</p> <p>Dec. 3/14 - Meeting with Tax Policy Branch</p>		
<p><b>Fines and Penalty Reform for Businesses</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: letter to Minister of National Revenue Kerry-Lynne D Findlay,</p> <p>Dec. 12/14: Presentation/Discussion with CRA's Red Tape Reduction team</p>		<p>Response to consultations is expected to be available in the spring of 2015. The resultant CRA commitments will focus on the highest priorities identified by small and medium business participants</p>
<p><b>Review Wealth Transfer Tax Provisions</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: letter to Minister of Finance Joe Oliver</p> <p>Dec. 3/14 - Meeting with Tax Policy Branch</p>		
<p><b>Making the Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance for Computer Equipment Permanent</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: letter to Minister of Finance Joe Oliver</p> <p>Dec. 3/14 : Meeting with Tax Policy Branch</p>		<p>The government has demonstrated a willingness to continue extending the accelerated capital cost allowance, as well as to use it to support industries such as LNG.</p>
<p><b>Tax Provision Threshold Indexing</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: letter to Minister of Finance Joe Oliver</p> <p>Dec. 3/14: Meeting with Tax Policy Branch</p>		
<p><b>Small Business Deduction</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: letter to Minister of Finance Joe Oliver</p> <p>Dec. 3/14: Meeting with Tax Policy Branch</p>		

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<p><b>An Innovation Box Approach in Canada</b></p>	<p>Prebudget submission to Finance Canada</p> <p>Oct. 28/14 Testimony to House Finance Committee</p> <p>Dec. 5/14 letter To Hon. James Moore, Minister of Industry</p> <p>Dec. 5/14 letter to Hon. Joe Oliver, Minister of Finance</p>	<p>Incorporate as recommendation in 2015 Manufacturing project.</p> <p>Feb. 9/15 meeting with Office of the Leader of the Opposition</p> <p>Mar. 12/15 meeting with Hon. James Moore</p>	
<p><b>Putting Federal Government Data to Work for SMEs</b>            *Contact: Susanna Cluff-Clyburne <a href="mailto:scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca">scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca</a></p> <p>(Updated/replaced in 2015)</p>	<p>Dec. 5/14 - Letter to Hon. Tony Clement, President of the Treasury Board of Canada</p> <p>Dec. 5/14 letter To Hon. James Moore, Minister of Industry</p>	<p>CCC has developed a short piece for its communiqué to local chambers (still being reviewed by Treasury Board) urging them to contact their municipal government(s) to see where they stand re: open data and encouraging them to contact Treasuring Board regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The types of government data from all levels of government that businesses – particularly SMEs - are looking for and find useful.</li> <li>- Some innovative ways that federal, provincial and municipal data has been put to use by SMEs.</li> <li>- Specific examples of inconsistencies in the presentation of data between government departments that has proven to be problematic (i.e., layout, format, etc.)?</li> <li>- Advising <a href="mailto:open-ouvert@tbs-sct.gc.ca">open-ouvert@tbs-sct.gc.ca</a> re: data that is out-of-date, broken links, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Dec. 19/14 – Call from Treasury Board re: letter to Minister Clement.</p> <p>In October 2014, the Government of Canada issued mandatory “Open by Default” policy requiring federal departments and agencies to maximize the release of their data and information, subject to applicable restrictions related to privacy, confidentiality, and security.</p> <p>In 2013, the federal government announced it intends to work with provinces, territories, and municipalities to break down barriers to integrated, pan-Canadian open data services. Treasury Board expressed interest in working with the CCC specifically regarding integrating municipal data into an Open Data policy.</p> <p><b>May 19, 2015</b> - Government announces funding to establish the Open Data Exchange. SMEs to be represented on its advisory board.</p>

<b>Fostering Growth in Canadian Productivity</b>	Dec. 5/14 letter To Hon. James Moore, Minister of Industry	Mar. 12/15 meeting with Hon. James Moore	
<b>Expanding Markets and Technology for Canadian Food &amp; Beverage Manufacturers</b>	<p>Dec 10/14 Letter to Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Dec 5/14 Letter to Hon James Moore, P.C., M.P. Minister of Industry</p> <p>Feb 4/15 Appearance at Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade</p> <p>Feb26/15 Meeting with Kirsten Hillman, Chief Negotiator, Trans-Pacific Partnership and Andrea van Vugt, Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister of International Trade</p>	<p>Meeting was requested with the Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Mar. 12/15 meeting with Hon. James Moore</p>	<p>Oct-Feb / 14-15 Multiple investments in research and innovation for canola, dairy, soy, livestock, foraging, pulses, beef, produce, etc.</p> <p>Jan 1/15 Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement comes into force, lowering tariffs on Canadian agri-food products</p> <p>Dec/14 China gives marketing approvals to delayed biotech products</p> <p>Oct/14 Qatar and Honduras approve beef market access</p>
<b>Technovation: a Shift in Philosophy, an Investment in Canada's Future</b>	Dec. 5/14 letter To Hon. James Moore, Minister of Industry	Mar. 12/15 meeting with Hon. James Moore	
<b>Prioritizing Regional Cluster Development</b>	Dec. 5/14 letter To Hon. James Moore, Minister of Industry	Mar. 12/15 meeting with Hon. James Moore	

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<p><b>Expanding Mutually Beneficial Investment Between Canada and China</b></p>	<p>March 11/15 Perrin Beatty speech to Canada-China Parliamentary Cooperation group</p> <p>Feb26/15 Meeting with Andrea van Vugt, Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Dec 10/14 Letter to Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Nov 7-11/14 Led business delegation to Beijing to advocate for RMB hub, closer trade ties</p> <p>Dec 15/14 Speech to Canada-China Investment Forum in Toronto</p>	<p>Meeting was requested with the Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Ongoing advocacy to implement bilateral Foreign Affairs and Economic &amp; Finance Strategic Dialogues, as well as ‘track two’ business dialogues on bilateral trade instruments</p> <p>May 6/15 International Trade Day “Canada Meets the New Pacific” with Hon. Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade</p>	<p>Sept/14 Canada-China FIPA ratified</p> <p>Nov/14 Canada and China announce first RMB hub in the Americas and onshore investment quota for Canadian financial institutions</p> <p>Feb-Mar/15 Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade launch study on trade promotion and marketing of Canadian exports</p>
<p><b>Preserving the Openness of the Global Digital Economy</b></p>	<p>Feb26/15 Meeting with Kirsten Hillman, Chief Negotiator, Trans-Pacific Partnership and Andrea van Vugt, Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Dec 10/14 Letter to Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Dec 5/14 Letter to Hon James Moore, P.C., M.P. Minister of Industry</p> <p>Jan/14 Meeting with Canada’s Privacy Commissioner</p> <p>Feb. 23/15 Meeting with Canada’s Privacy Commissioner</p> <p>Mar 3/15 Meeting with HE Bruce Heyman, US Ambassador to Canada</p>	<p>Meeting was requested with the Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Ongoing meetings and advocacy on Trans-Pacific Partnership</p> <p>Input into B20 Coalition’s ‘digital economy roadmap’ to be presented to G20 leaders</p> <p>Sponsored policy report outlining a new international regulatory cooperation strategy for Canada</p> <p>May 6/15 International Trade Day “Canada Meets the New Pacific” with Hon. Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Mar. 12/15 meeting with Hon. James Moore</p>	<p>Canada is pursuing high standard e-commerce rules in Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement</p> <p>Nov 25 Hon John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs, reaffirms Canada’s commitment to the multistakeholder model of internet governance in speech at Internet Governance Summit</p>
<p><b>Recognizing and devising strategies to</b></p>	<p>Feb26/15 Meeting with Andrea van Vugt, Chief</p>	<p>Meeting was requested with the Hon Edward Fast</p>	<p>Nov-Jan/14-15 Government of Canada</p>

<p><b>counteract the generous incentives offered by competitor jurisdictions</b></p>	<p>of Staff, Office of the Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Dec 10/14 Letter to Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Dec 5/14 Letter to Hon James Moore, P.C., M.P. Minister of Industry</p> <p>Mar 3/15 Meeting with HE Bruce Heyman, US Ambassador to Canada</p>	<p>Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Inclusion of investment attraction programs in Chamber's election manifesto and International Affairs Committee's international policy election platform</p>	<p>co-invests in new auto assembly and parts plants</p>
<p><b>Commercial Border Crossing Access</b></p>	<p>Dec 10/14 Letter to Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Dec. 5/14- Letter Hon. Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness</p> <p>Dec. /14- Inclusion of the importance of border crossings in the CCC Submission the CTA review panel</p> <p>Dec./14 -Meeting with US Embassy to discuss bilateral priorities including border policies.</p> <p>Feb/15 Meeting with Hon David Emerson, Chair of the CTA review panel</p> <p>Mar 3/15 Meeting with HE Bruce Heyman, US Ambassador to Canada</p>	<p>Meeting was requested with the Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>-ongoing participation in the Border Commercial Consultative Committee</p> <p>-Ongoing participation at the Nation Cross Sector Forum for Critical Infrastructure Protection</p> <p>-Ongoing discussions with CBSA, Public Safety, US Embassy in Ottawa and Canadian Embassy in Washington</p>	<p>February/14 - Announcement regarding funding for customs plaza for the New International Trade Crossing in Windsor-Detroit</p> <p>CBSA will invest \$99 million over 5 years in border crossings</p>
<p><b>Improving regulatory processes to support the growth of Agribusiness</b></p>	<p>March 11/15 Perrin Beatty speech to Canada-China Parliamentary Cooperation group</p> <p>Feb26/15 Meeting with Andrea van Vugt, Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Dec 10/14 Letter to Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Dec. 5/14 - Letter to Hon. Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture</p> <p>Dec 5/14 Letter to Hon James Moore, P.C., M.P. Minister of Industry</p> <p>Nov/14 Circulation of Policy Brief to PMO, Trade, Agriculture Canada outlining regulatory barriers to agri-food imports in China</p>	<p>Meeting was requested with the Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>International regulatory cooperation strategy to be included in Chamber's election manifesto and International Affairs Committee's international policy election platform</p> <p>Sponsored policy report outlining a new international regulatory cooperation strategy for Canada</p> <p>Meetings with agriculture and bio-tech groups to raise issue of marketing approvals in China</p>	<p>Dec/14 China gives marketing approvals to delayed biotech products</p> <p>Oct / 14 Qatar and Honduras approve beef market access for Canada</p>

<p><b>Attracting International Tourists to Benefit Canada's Regions and SMEs</b>  <b>*Contact: Mary Anne Carter,</b>  <b>mcarter@chamber.ca</b></p>	<p>Nov/14 Panel appearance with Prime Minister Harper and Jack Ma, CEO of Alibaba, to promote e-commerce as a platform to attract Chinese tourists</p> <p>Nov/14 Meeting with Parliamentary Tourism Caucus on investing in international marketing</p> <p>Dec/14 Letter to Hon. Maxime Bernier, Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism) (Agriculture)</p> <p>Dec/14 Letter to Hon. Edward Fast, Minister of International Trade (SMEs and International Tourism)</p> <p>Dec/14- Letter to Hon. Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport</p> <p>Feb/15 Meeting with PMO with respect to our Top 10 asks (marketing, visas, high cost of airfare, investment climate).</p> <p>Feb/15 Meeting with Leader of the Official Opposition (marketing, visas, high cost of airfare, investment climate).</p> <p>April/15 Meeting with Kevin Sorenson, Minister of State (Finance)</p> <p>June/15 Meeting with Parliamentary Tourism Caucus</p> <p>Feb/16 Meeting with Minister Chagger's Chief of Staff and Director of Parliamentary Affairs</p>	<p>Include tourism investment in our pre-budget submission: Adopt a model, similar to Manitoba, where 3% of Federal Tax Revenues from tourism are allocated to marketing by the Canadian Tourism Commission. The Federal Government keeps the other 97%.</p>	<p>Ongoing CTA Review</p> <p><b>May/15</b> - Applauded the Government's commitment to invest \$30 million over three years to attract U.S. visitors to Canada</p>
<p><b>Fostering the role of municipalities within the North America advanced manufacturing and trade corridor</b></p>	<p>Dec 10/14 Letter to Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Dec 5/14 Letter to Hon James Moore, P.C., M.P. Minister of Industry</p> <p>Mar 3/15 Meeting with HE Bruce Heyman, US Ambassador to Canada</p>	<p>Meeting was requested with the Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p>	

<p><b>Labelling of Agricultural Products</b></p>	<p>Feb26/15 Meeting with Andrea van Vugt, Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Feb 4/15 Appearance at Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade</p> <p>Dec 10/14 Letter to Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Dec 5/14 Letter to Hon James Moore, P.C., M.P. Minister of Industry</p>	<p>Meeting was requested with the Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p>	<p>Feb-Mar/15 Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade launch study on trade promotion and marketing of Canadian exports</p> <p>Feb 5/15 Hon. Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture, meets with US lawmakers to propose legislative solution to ongoing country-of-origin labelling dispute</p> <p>Canada planning to launch 'Made-in-Canada' brand campaign, announced in 2014 Budget</p>
<p><b>APEC Business Travel Card</b></p>	<p>Feb26/15 Meeting with Andrea van Vugt, Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Dec 10/14 Letter to Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Dec. 5/14: Letter to Hon. Chris Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration</p>	<p>Meeting was requested with the Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Inclusion of visa administration issues in Chamber's election manifesto and International Affairs Committee's international policy election platform</p> <p>May 6/15 International Trade Day "Canada Meets the New Pacific" with Hon. Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade</p>	<p>Mar/14 Canada implements pilot program providing limited form of ABTC, which still requires visas and other travel documents.</p>



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<p><b>Invest in Labour Market Information to Close the Skills Gap</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: Letter to Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>Feb. 25/15: Letter to Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>March 6/15: Meeting with Director of Policy, Office of the Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>May 26/15: Meeting with Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>June 26/15: Meeting with Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Employment and Social Development Canada</p> <p>Nov. 30/15: Responded to a survey on the implementation of an LMI Council.</p>		<p>On July 8, 2015, the Federal, provincial and territorial ministers of labour announced their agreement to create a new LMI Council and a new National Stakeholder Advisory Panel.</p> <p>In August 2015, the first release of the expanded Job Vacancy and Wage Survey was published by Statistics Canada, further to a new investment by the federal government.</p>
<p><b>Increase Apprenticeship Completions in the Skilled Trades</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: Letter to Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>Feb. 25/15: Letter to Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>March 6/15: Meeting with Director of Policy, Office of the Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>May 26/15: Meeting with Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p>		

<p><b>Improving the Temporary Foreign Worker Program</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: Letter to Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>Dec. 5/14: Letter to Hon. Chris Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration</p> <p>Feb. 25/15: Letter to Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>March 6/15: Meeting with Director of Policy, Office of the Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>April 15/15: Meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic and Program Policy, Citizenship and Immigration Canada</p> <p>June 26/15: Meeting with Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Employment and Social Development Canada</p>	<p>CCC staff will be meeting with the ADM, Strategic Policy at CIC on March 25, 2015.</p> <p>The Immigration Working Group is incorporating the resolution into its advocacy position on short-term entry of high skilled workers.</p> <p>A meeting has been requested between Minister Poilievre and Perrin Beatty.</p> <p>A meeting has been requested between Minister Alexander and Perrin Beatty.</p>	<p>Jan. 27/15: For Alberta, ESDC introduced transitional measures to help temporary foreign workers (TFWs) transition to permanent residency if they had already applied under the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program but had not had their application processed. CIC also provided a one-year bridging work permit to those TFWs subject to the four-year cumulative duration limit.</p>
<p><b>Incentives to Relocate</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: Letter to Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>Feb. 25/15: Letter to Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>March 6/15: Meeting with Director of Policy, Office of the Minister of Employment and Social Development</p>	<p>A meeting has been requested between Minister Poilievre and Perrin Beatty.</p>	
<p><b>Aligning Skills Development with Labour Market Needs</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: Letter to Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>Feb. 25/15: Letter to Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>March 6/15: Meeting with Director of Policy, Office of the Minister of Employment and Social Development</p>	<p>A meeting has been requested between Minister Poilievre and Perrin Beatty.</p>	
<p><b>Easier Access to Visa Programs</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: Letter to Hon. Chris Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration</p> <p>Feb26/15 Meeting with Andrea van Vugt, Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister of International</p>	<p>A meeting has been requested between Minister Alexander and Perrin Beatty.</p>	

	<p>Trade</p> <p>April 15/15: Meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic and Program Policy, Citizenship and Immigration Canada</p>		
<p><b>Improving Canada's Immigration System: Visa Processes and Foreign Qualification Recognition</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: Letter to Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>Dec. 5/14: Letter to Hon. Chris Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration</p> <p>Feb. 25/15: Letter to Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>Feb26/15 Meeting with Andrea van Vugt, Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister of International Trade</p> <p>March 6/15: Meeting with Director of Policy, Office of the Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>April 15/15: Meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic and Program Policy, Citizenship and Immigration Canada</p>	<p>A meeting has been requested between Minister Alexander and Perrin Beatty.</p> <p>A meeting has been requested between Minister Poilievre and Perrin Beatty.</p>	<p>In April 2015, the government received the report of the Panel on Employment Challenges of New Canadians, <i>Survival to Success: Transforming Immigrant Outcomes</i>, which indicates that more can be done to make the foreign credential recognition process faster and easier.</p>
<p><b>Accountability of the Canadian Employment Insurance Commission (CEIC)</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: Letter to Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>Feb. 25/15: Letter to Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Minister of Employment and Social Development</p> <p>March 6/15: Meeting with Director of Policy, Office of the Minister of Employment and Social Development</p>	<p>A meeting has been requested between Minister Poilievre and Perrin Beatty.</p>	
<p><b>Meeting Canada's Labour Needs by Attracting and Retaining International Students</b></p>	<p>Dec. 5/14: Letter to Hon. Chris Alexander, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration</p> <p>April 15/15: Meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic and Program Policy, Citizenship and Immigration Canada</p>	<p>A meeting has been requested between Minister Alexander and Perrin Beatty.</p>	

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<b>A Harmonized Approach to Extended Producer Responsibility in Canada</b>	Jan 11/2014 - Provided input into the CCME  Dec 5/14- Letter to Hon Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment		The Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment released a Progress Report on the Canada-wide Action Plan for Extended Producer Responsibility
<b>A Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for Canada</b>	Dec 5/14- Letter to Hon Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment and Hon Greg Rickford, Minister of Natural Resources  Feb 17 - Climate change	The Canadian Chamber of Commerce is working to develop an government outreach on climate issues that will include adaptation.	Feb 19 2016 - Adaptation was one of four working groups the federal government asked the provinces to form in advance of the March 3 fed-prov meeting on climate.
<b>Fair Competition Among Canada's Certified Forests in Green Building</b>	Dec 5/14- Letter to Hon Greg Rickford, Minister of Natural Resources		
<b>Protecting the National Economy by Managing the Lower Fraser River</b>	Dec 5/14- Letter to Hon Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport  Dec. /14- Inclusion of the importance of gateways and corridors in the CCC Submission the CTA review panel		
<b>Natural Resources are the Power of Canada</b>	Dec 5/14- Letter to Hon Greg Rickford, Minister of Natural Resources  The Canada Resource Cities Initiative, a program to share the messages of the Partnership for Resource Trade through a speaker's tour with Jean Charest, a tour of Alberta's energy industry and a series of infographic brochures.	The 2016 Program for Resource Champions will include a day of action on May 26, additional infographics and supporting materials for local chambers.	
<b>Canadian Air Quality Management System (AQMS)</b>	Dec 5/14- Letter to Hon Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment	A meeting has been requested with Minister McKenna and Mr Beatty.	

<p><b>Consistent Regulatory Acceptance for Chemicals Relating to Soil and Water Treatment</b></p>	<p>Dec 5/14- Letter to Hon Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment</p>	<p>A meeting has been requested with Minister McKenna and Mr Beatty.</p>	
<p><b>Protecting Western Canada's Fresh Waters from Zebra and Quagga Mussels</b></p>	<p>Dec 5/14- Letter to Hon Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment</p> <p>Jan 1 2016 - Resolution and letter forwarded to Minister Tootoo.</p>		

**SPECIAL ISSUES**

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<b>Resolution</b>	<b>CCC Actions Taken</b>	<b>Planned CCC Actions</b>	<b>Government Actions to Date</b>
<b>Leveraging CETA to Eliminate Interprovincial Trade Barriers</b>	<p>Dec 5/14 Letter to Hon James Moore, P.C., M.P. Minister of Industry</p> <p>Dec 10/14 Letter to Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Jan/15 Meeting with Minister Moore's office</p> <p>Feb/15 Coalition letter to Brad Duguid, Chair, Committee on Internal Trade Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure (Ontario)</p> <p>Feb/15 Meeting with Industry Canada representatives</p>	Ongoing engagement with the Federal government, the Council of the Federation and the Committee on Internal Trade	Minister Moore and the Federal government remain committed to making progress on the elimination of internal barriers to trade
<b>Reforming Canada's Child Care Plan</b>	Dec. 5/14: Letter to Hon. Candice Bergen, Minister of State (Social Development)		
<b>Reinstate the Canadian Mandatory Long-Form Census</b>	Dec. 5/14 letter To Hon. James Moore, Minister of Industry	Mar. 12/15 meeting with Hon. James Moore	

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<p><b>Greater Regulatory Harmonization between Canada and the United States</b></p>	<p>Dec 10/14 Letter to Hon Edward Fast Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Dec 5/14- Letter to Hon Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport</p> <p>Dec /14- Identification of regulatory cooperation as one of the key asks in the CCC CTA Review Submission</p> <p>Feb/15 Meeting with Hon David Emerson, Chair of the CTA review panel</p>	<p>Ongoing communication with the Regulatory Cooperation Council</p> <p>Ongoing communication with relevant government departments on both sides of the border</p> <p>Ongoing communication with both the Canadian and American Embassies</p>	<p>On October 7-8, 2014, the RCC held annual regulator and stakeholder event in Washington, DC.</p> <p>December 3, 2014, officials from Health Canada, Environment Canada and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency met in Washington to jointly engage more than 75 stakeholders from both sides of the border on chemicals management.</p> <p>Health Canada released the Consumer Health Products Framework on November 27, 2014,</p> <p>On January 12, 2015, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and the U.S. Department of Energy hosted a joint webinar with stakeholders to outline proposed content for the annual work plan.</p> <p>Ongoing work by Environment Canada, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and interested parties towards the development and implementation of aligned standards on greenhouse gas (GHG) and air pollutant emissions from cars and trucks.</p> <p>March 3, 2015 CBSA requests input from stakeholders regarding progress on the Red Tape Reduction initiative</p> <p>Launch of Phase 2 of RCC process for Plan Health workplans</p>
<p><b>A National Plan for Canada's Transportation Sector</b></p>	<p>Dec 5/14- Letter to Hon Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport</p> <p>Dec /14- Identification of regulatory cooperation as one of the key asks in the CCC CTA Review Submission</p>	<p>Ongoing work with the CTA Review panel</p> <p>Follow up meeting with David Emerson</p>	

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<b>Maritime Goods Movement Act</b>	Feb/15 Meeting with Hon David Emerson, Chair of the CTA review panel	Ongoing communication with relevant government departments on both sides of the border  Ongoing communication with both the Canadian and American Embassies  Ongoing engagement with relevant US-based stakeholders	
<b>Ensuring Viability and Safety in Our National Airport System</b>	Dec 5/14- Letter to Hon Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport  Dec /14- Identification of the competitiveness of our Air mode as one of the key priorities in the CCC CTA Review Submission  Feb/15 Meeting with Hon David Emerson, Chair of the CTA review panel	Ongoing work with the CTA Review panel  Follow up meeting with David Emerson	
<b>Reduce Costs to Improve Canadian Aviation Competitiveness</b>	Dec 5/14- Letter to Hon Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport  Dec /14- Identification of the competitiveness of our Air mode as one of the key priorities in the CCC CTA Review Submission  Feb/15 Meeting with Hon David Emerson, Chair of the CTA review panel	Ongoing work with the CTA Review panel  Follow up meeting with David Emerson	
<b>Trucking Disruption of Terminal Operations at Port Metro Vancouver</b>	Dec 5/14- Letter to Hon Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport  Dec /14- Identification of the importance of gateways and transportation efficiency as a priority in the CCC CTA Review Submission  Feb/15 Meeting with Hon David Emerson, Chair of the CTA review panel	Ongoing work with the CTA Review panel  Follow up meeting with David Emerson	Jan. 28/15 – Response from Minister Leitch saying she had forwarded our letter to Transport Minister Raitt.
<b>Preparing for Canada’s Growth by Securing Transportation/Utility Corridors</b>	Dec 5/14- Letter to Hon Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport  Dec/14 CCC Submission to the CTA review panel  Feb/15 Meeting with Hon David Emerson, Chair	Ongoing work with the CTA Review panel  Follow up meeting with David Emerson	



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