

Minister of Industry



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Mr. Perrin Beatty  
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Dear Mr. Beatty: Perrin

Thank you for your letter of November 3, 2008, regarding the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's recent report, *An Action Plan for a Competitive Canada*. I also appreciated receiving your kind words on my appointment as Minister of Industry.

The *Action Plan* is a timely and constructive document. Indeed, many of its proposals address issues underscored in the recent Speech from the Throne and build on the recommendations of the Competition Policy Review Panel.

In particular, in the Speech from the Throne, the government committed to act on several key issues that you raised in your letter, including:

- proceeding with legislation to modernize Canada's competition and investment laws, and implementing many of the recommendations of the Competition Policy Review Panel;
- working with the provinces to remove barriers to internal trade, investment and labour mobility by 2010;
- modernizing Canada's copyright laws and ensuring stronger protection for intellectual property; and
- working with industry to apply the best Canadian scientific and technological know-how to create innovative business solutions.

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The government is also committed to supporting Canada's information and communications technology sector, as you recommend. The points raised in the Chamber's *Action Plan* regarding the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA) will also provide useful guidance as we consider legislative amendments to PIPEDA called for during the recent review of that Act.

Once again, thank you for bringing your *Action Plan* to my attention. It will inform us as we chart the course through these difficult economic times and consider approaches for enhancing Canada's competitiveness. I greatly appreciate the ongoing support of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues on these and other issues.

Kevin - very much  
looking forward to  
working with  
you!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Clement', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Tony Clement