

# 2008 Policy Resolution Activity Update

Resolution	CCC Actions Taken	Planned CCC Actions	Government Actions to Date
<b>Fiscal Policy</b>	<p>January 23 - Letter to the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 15 - Appeared before Conservative Members of the House of Commons Finance Committee</p> <p>January 9 -Participated in Pre-Budget Consultations in Thornhill, Ontario</p> <p>December 19 - Sent Pre-Budget Submission to Finance Canada</p> <p>May 11 - Met with the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>April 20 - Met with the Honourable John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic</p> <p>February 26 - Met with Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada at OLC.</p>		<p>A number of the recommendations in this resolution were addressed in Budget 2009:</p> <p>Doubling tax relief provided by the Working Income Tax Benefit.</p> <p>Reducing personal income taxes by increasing the top of the two lowest personal income tax brackets.</p> <p>Making improvements to Capital Cost Allowance Rates by providing a temporary 100 percent capital cost allowance rate for computers acquired after January 27, 2009 and before February 1, 2011; and extending the temporary 50 percent straight-line accelerated CCA rate to investment in manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment undertaken in 2010 and 2011.</p> <p>In the March 2009 Ontario Budget, the Government of Ontario indicated that it will harmonize the provincial sales tax with the GST, after receiving a financial incentive from the federal government to do so. In July 2009, British Columbia announced plans to harmonize.</p>
<b>Canada's Path to Strong Economic Growth and International Competitiveness</b>	<p>January 23 - Letter to the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to the Honourable Josee Verner, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs</p> <p>January 23 - Letter to the Honourable Pierre Poilievre, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs</p> <p>May 11 - Met with the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p>		<p>In Budget 2009, the Government stated that it remains committed to working with provinces to harmonize retail sales taxes with the GST. Harmonization would result in a reduction in the marginal effective tax rate on capital in all sectors. Ontario has moved to harmonize its provincial sales tax with the GST. British Columbia announced plans to harmonize.</p>

	<p>April 20 - Met with the Honourable John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic</p>		
<p><b>Small Business Deduction</b></p>	<p>January 23 - Letter to the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to the Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn, Minister of National Revenue</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Jacques Gourde, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue, Canada Revenue Agency</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to the Honourable Diane Ablonczy, Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism)</p> <p>May 11 - Met with the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>April 28 - Met with the Honourable Diane Ablonczy, Minister of State</p> <p>February 26 - Met with Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada at OLC</p>		
<p><b>The Role of Taxation in Enhancing Canada's Productivity Through Encouraging Skills and Training for Small Business</b></p>	<p>January 23 - Letter to the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to the Honourable Diane Ablonczy, Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism)</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Ed Kormarnicki, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Human Resource and Skill Development and the Minister of Labour</p>		<p>Budget 2009 laid out a number of measures to enhance training and skills development, however, the Government did not utilize tax credits, as recommended in this resolution.</p>

	<p>January 23 – Letter to Janice Charette, Deputy Minister – Human Resources and Skills Development</p> <p>March 25 – E-mail to Liberal, NDP and BQ human resources critics</p> <p>May 11 - Met with the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>April 23 - Met with Mike Savage, Liberal HRSDC Critic</p> <p>February 26 - Met with Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada at OLC</p> <p>April 28 - Met with Diane Ablonczy, Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism)</p>		
<p><b>Incentives for Commercialization of Research and Development in Canada</b></p>	<p>January 23 – Letter to the Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn, Minister of National Revenue</p> <p>January 23 - Jacques Gourde, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue, Canada Revenue Agency</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Richard Dicerni, Deputy Minister, Department of Industry</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Mike Lake, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to the Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State (Science and Technology)</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>April 20 - Met with the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry</p> <p>February 26 - Met with Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada at OLC</p>		

<b>Implementation of Tax Law Changes and Retroactive Tax Legislation</b>	<p>January 23 - Letter to the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Department of Finance Canada</p>		
<b>Investing in Canada’s Transportation Infrastructure</b>	<p>January 23 - Letter to the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to the Honourable John Baird, Minister of Transport</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to the Honourable Rob Merrifield, Minister of State (Transport)</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Louis Ranger, Deputy Minister of Transport, Transport Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Brian Jean, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport</p> <p>May 11 - Met with the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>February 26 - Met with Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada at OLC</p>		<p>As part of Budget 2009, and its emphasis on stimulating the economy through infrastructure spending, the Government outlined measures to invest in maintaining and upgrading Canada’s aging national transportation infrastructure, thereby, addressing the recommendation of this resolution.</p>
<b>GST Applied to Local Government Infrastructure</b>	<p>January 23 - Letter to the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>May 11 - Met with the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>February 26 - Met with Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada at OLC</p>		<p>Governments at all levels have worked together to identify a number of major infrastructure projects that can be expedited over the next two construction seasons. Funding for those projects will come from the Building Canada Fund. Progress has been made in identifying infrastructure shortfalls facing communities, as recommended in this resolution.</p>
<b>Encourage Mature Workers’ Participation</b>	<p>January 23 - Letter to the Honourable Jim</p>		<p>In Budget 2009, the Government stated that</p>

<p><b>in the Labour Market by Amending the Canada Pension Plan</b></p>	<p>Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Ed Kormarnicki, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Human Resource and Skill Development and the Minister of Labour</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Janice Charette, Deputy Minister – Human Resources and Skills Development</p> <p>March 25 – E-mail to Liberal, BQ and NDP human resources critics</p> <p>May 11 - Met with the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>April 23 - Met with Mike Savage, Liberal HRSDC Critic</p> <p>February 26 - Met with Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada at OLC</p>		<p>federal, provincial and territorial ministers of Finance expect to conclude their review of the CPP this year. The federal government will work with the provinces and territories to implement any changes recommended in this review.</p>
<p><b>Federal Alignment of Liens Policies with Provincial Counterparts</b></p>	<p>January 23 - Letter to the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 – Letter to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Department of Finance Canada</p> <p>January 23 - Letter to the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Environment</p> <p>May 11 - Met with the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance</p> <p>March 11 - Met with the Honourable, Jim Prentice, Minister of the Environment</p> <p>February 26 - Met with Rob Wright, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance Canada at OLC</p>		

<b>Energy and Environment</b>	<b>For more information, contact Scott Campbell, <a href="mailto:scampbell@chamber.ca">scampbell@chamber.ca</a></b>		
Agriculture Can Help Canada Meet Its Greenhouse Gas Targets	January 2009 - Letter to Environment Minister Jim Prentice March 2009 - Met with Environment Minister Jim Prentice		
Canadian Industry Program for Energy Conservation (CIPEC)	January 2009 - Letter to Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt	Meet with Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt	
International Climate Change Framework	January 2009 - Letter to Environment Minister Jim Prentice February 2009 - Met with G8 Business Leaders March 2009 - Met with Environment Minister Jim Prentice March 2009 - Met with Chief Negotiator Michael Martin May 2009 - Formed new Climate Change Task Force, chaired by Andrei Marcu		
Maximizing Potential of Fallow Oil and Gas Fields	January 2009 - Letter to Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt	Meet with Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt	
Harmonizing Greenhouse Gas Emission Regulations in Canada	January 2009 - Letter to Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt and Environment Minister Jim Prentice May 2009 - Met with Environment Minister Jim Prentice Letter to Canadian Environment Ministers	Meet with Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt	
National Energy Framework – A Vision for the Future	January 2009 - Letter to Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt	Meet with Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt Develop strategic document on Canada's energy strategy to support advocacy campaign	
Definition of the Precautionary Principle	January 2009 - Letter to Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt, Environment Minister Jim Prentice and Treasury Board President Vic Toews March 2009 - Met with Environment Minister Jim Prentice	Meet with Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt	
Unique Economic Advantages in Canada through the Conservation of Water Resources	January 2009 - Letter to Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt and Environment Minister Jim Prentice	Meet with Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt	

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Private Sector Privacy: Maintaining a Proper Balance	January 2009 - Letter to Industry Minister Clement and Secretary of State for Small Business Ablonczy  April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Industry critics April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Industry Canada officials (Colette Downie and Richard Simpson)  April 20/09 - Met with Minister Clement  April 28/09 - Met with Ablonczy		
Preventing and Effectively Punishing Identity Theft	January 2009 - Letter to Industry Minister Clement and Justice Minister Nicholson  April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Industry critics April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Industry Canada officials (Colette Downie and Richard Simpson)  April 16, 2009 – emailed resolution to Justice critics Met with Minister Clement on April 20/09		
Improving Consumer Choice: Removing Inter-Provincial Trade Barriers to Sales of 100% Canadian Wine	January 2009 - Letter to Industry Minister Clement and Inter-governmental Affairs Minister Verner April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Industry critics Met with Minister Clement on April 20/09  Continue to work closely with the Vintners Association to press this issue. They are using our resolution to advance this position.		
Biopharmaceuticals – Healthcare as an Economic and Competitiveness Driver	January 2009 - Letter to Industry Minister Clement and Health Minister Aglukkaq April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Industry critics April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Health critics  Met with Minister Clement on April 20/09		

<p>Focused Strategy for Mineral and Mining Excellence</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Industry Minister Clement and Natural Resources Minister Raitt</p> <p>April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Industry critics  April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Natural Resources critics</p> <p>Met with Minister Clement on April 20/09</p>		
<p>Expedited Application and Funding Approval Process for Bio-Product Applications</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Industry Minister Clement, Environment Minister Prentice and Agriculture Minister Ritz</p> <p>April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Industry critics  April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Agriculture and Environment critics.  April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Natural Resources critics  April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to DM Cassie Doyle at NRCAN</p> <p>Met with Minister Clement on April 20/09</p>		
<p>Expanded Capital Support for Bio-Products</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Industry Minister Clement</p> <p>April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Industry critics  April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Natural Resources critics  April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to DM Cassie Doyle at NRCAN</p> <p>April 20/09 - Met with Minister Clement</p>		
<p>A National Automotive Strategy for Canada</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Industry Minister Clement</p> <p>April 15, 2009 – emailed resolution to Industry critics</p>		

<b>Justice</b>			
Organized Crime Task Force	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Justice Minister Nicholson</p> <p>April 16, 2009 – emailed resolution to Justice critics</p> <p>May 14/09 - Met with Nicholson</p>		
Correctional Services Canada Revitalization	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Justice Minister Nicholson</p> <p>April 16, 2009 – emailed resolution to Justice critics</p> <p>May 14/09 - Met with Nicholson</p>		
Illegal Cigarette Trade in Canada	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Justice Minister Nicholson, Public Safety Minister Van Loan and Minister of Indian Affairs Strahl</p> <p>March 25 – E-mail to Indian Affairs opposition critics</p> <p>April 16, 2009 – emailed resolution to Justice critics</p> <p>May 14/09 - Met with Nicholson o</p>		- Revenue Minister announces on April 7/09 that new rules for granting licenses to manufacture tobacco are coming soon in response to try to halt contraband tobacco products
<b>Skills</b>			
Encourage Mature Workers' Participation in the Labour Market by Amending the Canada Pension Plan	<p>January 23 – Letter to HRSDC Minister Finley and Finance Minister Flaherty</p> <p>March 25 – E-mail to Human Resources critics</p> <p>April 23 - Met with Liberal HRSDC Critic (Mike Savage)</p>		
The Role of Taxation in Enhancing Canada's Productivity Through Encouraging Skills and Training for Small Business	<p>January 23 – Letter to HRSDC Minister Finley and Finance Minister Flaherty</p> <p>March 25 – E-mail to Human Resources critics</p> <p>April 23 - Met with Liberal HRSDC Critic (Mike Savage)</p>		
Temporary Immigrant Work Permits	<p>January 23 - Letter to HRSDC Minister Finley</p> <p>March 25 – E-mail to Human Resources critics</p>		HRSDC sought input on new options for calculating the Prevailing Wage Rate.

	<p>April 23 - Met with Liberal Critic (Mike Savage)</p> <p>Dec 5 &amp; April 24 – Met with HRSDC Temporary Foreign Workers Program officials</p>		Member input submitted to HRSDC on May 22.
Developing a Skilled Workforce for a Globally Competitive Value-Added Products Industry	<p>January 23 - Letter to HRSDC Minister Finley and Industry Minister Clement</p> <p>March 25 – E-mail to Human Resources critics</p> <p>April 23 - Meeting with Liberal HRSDC Critic (Mike Savage)</p>		
<b>Immigration</b>			
The Need for Continued Reform of the Canadian Immigration System	<p>January 23 - Letter to Citizenship and Immigration Minister Kenney</p> <p>March 13 – Meeting with CIC officials</p> <p>March 25 – E-mail to opposition immigration critics</p> <p>August 24 – Response from Citizenship and Immigration Minister Kenney</p>		<p>CIC has committed to reaching out to the Canadian Chamber – and to provincial/territorial/local chambers – during consultations for setting immigration targets</p> <p>After consulting with employer groups, including the CCC, CIC has identified 38 occupations experience labour shortages. Prospective immigrants qualified in these occupations will be fast-tracked for processing.</p>
Employer Focused Strategy for Employment Integration of Immigrants	<p>January 23 - Letter to Citizenship and Immigration Minister Kenney</p> <p>February 11 – Meeting with Foreign Credentials Referral Office</p> <p>March 25 – E-mail to opposition immigration critics</p> <p>June 26 – Spoke with Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, at The Alliance of Sector Councils' launch of Roadmap for Integration and Retention Strategies for Internationally Trained Workers</p> <p>August 24 – Response from Citizenship and Immigration Minister Kenney</p>		<p>Foreign Credentials Referral Office sought Chamber members' comments on Employers' Roadmap/seeking ways to connect directly to employers via chambers, e.g., communications to members, Canadian Chamber AGM presence and/or info. Session Qualicum and Brampton (sponsoring chambers) have been invited to participate</p> <p>Budget 2009 committed \$50 million over two years to fund a common federal/provincial/territorial approach to foreign credential recognition, which would ensure better integration of immigrants into Canada's workforce</p> <p>CIC is proposing new programs and supports to assist employers in hiring and retaining the skilled immigrants they need. These would include working with local settlement agencies to focus on awareness, recruitment and orientation.</p>
Better Matching Immigrants with Regional Labour Needs	<p>January 23 - Letter to Citizenship and Immigration Minister Kenney</p>		<p>Budget 2009 committed \$50 million over two years to fund a common federal/provincial/territorial approach to</p>

	<p>February 11 – Meeting with Foreign Credentials Referral Office</p> <p>March 25 – E-mail to opposition immigration critics</p> <p>June 26 – Spoke with Hon. Jason Kenney, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, at The Alliance of Sector Councils' launch of Roadmap for Integration and Retention Strategies for Internationally Trained Workers</p> <p>August 24 – Response from Citizenship and Immigration Minister Kenney</p>		<p>foreign credential recognition, which would ensure better integration of immigrants into Canada's workforce.</p> <p>CIC expressed the desire for an improved Labour Market Information (LMI) system that better reflects regional needs.</p>
<b>Labour</b>			
Aboriginal Labour Force Strategy – Tapping into an Underutilized Pool of Labour Supply	<p>January 23 - Letter to Labour Minister Ambrose (January 2009)</p> <p>March 25 – E-mail to opposition labour critics</p>		<p>Budget 2009 allocates \$75 million for a two-year Aboriginal Skills and Training Strategic Investment Fund and an additional \$100 million over three years to the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnership (ASEP)</p>
<b>Health</b>			
Defining Sustainable Universal Publicly Funded Health Care for all Canadians in this Time of Healthcare Reform	<p>January 23 - Letter to Health Minister Aglukkaq</p> <p>March 25 – E-mail to opposition health critics</p>		
<b>Aboriginal</b>			
<b>Achieving Certainty for Business</b>	<p>January 23 - Letter to Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister Strahl and Fisheries Minister Shea</p> <p>March 25 – E-mail to opposition Indian Affairs critics</p>		
<b>Aboriginal Treaty Negotiations – Fisheries Component</b>	<p>January 23 - Letter to Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister Strahl and Fisheries Minister Shea (January 2009)</p> <p>March 25 – E-mail to opposition Indian Affairs critics</p>		
<b>Illegal Cigarette Trade in Canada</b>	<p>January 23 - Letter to Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister Strahl and Justice Minister Nicholson</p>		

	March 25 – E-mail to opposition Indian Affairs critics		
<b>Improving First Nations' Access to Resources for Economic Development</b>	June 24 – Letter to Indian and Northern Development Minister Strahl confirming the adoption of resolution as Chamber policy		On June 29/09, the government announced \$200M for the Federal Framework Aboriginal Economic Development which includes measures to allow interested First Nations to opt into the <i>First Nations Land Management Act</i> .
<b>Aboriginal Treaty Negotiations</b>	June 24 – Letter to Indian and Northern Development Minister Strahl confirming the adoption of resolution as Chamber policy		

## International Affairs

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<p>Access to Customs and Immigration Programs</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Minister Van Loan</p> <p>June 2009 - Meeting with Minister Van Loan; Dave MacKenzie, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety; and Cathy Munroe, Vice President, Admissibility, CBSA</p>		<p>Budget 2009 provides funding to modernize and expand border service facilities at Prescott, Ontario; and at Huntingdon, Kingsgate, and the Pacific Highway in British Columbia.</p>
<p>Canada-U.S. Border</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Minister Van Loan</p> <p>June 2009 - Meeting with Minister Van Loan; Dave MacKenzie, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety; and Cathy Munroe, Vice President, Admissibility, CBSA</p>		
<p>Investing in Border Crossings</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Minister Baird Meeting with Brian Jean, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport (March 2009)</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Joe Volpe, Liberal Critic for Transport</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Merv Tweed, Chair, House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport</p> <p>April 2009 - Meeting with Hon. John Baird, Minister of Transport</p>		<p>Budget 2009 provides up to \$14.5 million for two bridges at two of the busiest U.S–Canada border crossings: the Blue Water Bridge in Sarnia and the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie.</p> <p>Budget 2009 sets aside up to \$42 million for other federal bridges in need of rehabilitation throughout Canada.</p>
<p>Steel Industry Trade</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Ministers Day and Van Loan</p> <p>December 2008 - Letter to CBSA Enforcement Branch</p> <p>April 2009 - Meeting with Minister Day</p> <p>June 2009 - Meeting with Minister Van Loan</p>		
<p>Foreign Trade Zone</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letters to Ministers Day and Flaherty</p> <p>February 2009 - Met with Transport Canada's gateway and policy team</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Brian Jean, Parliamentary</p>		

	<p>Secretary to the Minister of Transport</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Joe Volpe, Liberal Critic for Transport</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Merv Tweed, Chair, House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport</p> <p>April 2009 - Meeting with Hon. John Baird, Minister of Transport</p> <p>April 2009 - Meeting with Minister Day</p> <p>August 2009 - Letter to Minister Flaherty co-signed by Canadian Airports Council and Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters</p> <p>August 2009 - Letter to Premiers co-signed by Canadian Airports Council and Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters</p>		
Responsible Business Conduct	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Minister Day</p> <p>April 2009 - Meeting with Minister Day</p> <p>February 2009 - Letter to MPs re: CSR PMBs</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Michael Ignatieff</p>		<p>March 26: Government's Response to the Report of the Advisory Group to the National Roundtables on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Canadian Extractive Industry in Developing Countries is consistent with Canadian Chamber's position, i.e., measures are voluntary, more tools for business, no additional regulation.</p>
Fisheries Management	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Minister Shea</p>		
"Grown in Canada" Label	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Minister Ritz</p>		<p>Government introduces a new Trade and Market Development Program. One of the programs components is to brand and promote Canadian agri-food products abroad (April 2009).</p>

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A Resolution to Replace the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT)

January 2009 - Letters to Ministers Clement and Verner

Council of the Federation strengthens the AIT dispute settlement mechanism by adding in monetary penalties and approves the new chapter on labour mobility (August 2009).

## Transportation

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<p>Reducing Airport Rent</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Ministers Baird and Flaherty</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Brian Jean, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Joe Volpe, Liberal Critic for Transport</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Merv Tweed, Chair, House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport</p> <p>April 2009 - Meeting with Hon. John Baird, Minister of Transport</p>		
<p>A New National Transportation Policy</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Minister Baird ( )</p> <p>November 2009 - Meet with Transport Canada</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Brian Jean, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Joe Volpe, Liberal Critic for Transport</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Merv Tweed, Chair, House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport</p> <p>April 2009 - Meeting with Hon. John Baird, Minister of Transport</p>	<p>Release the fourth report in 2009 building on the Canadian Chamber's <i>National Transportation Strategy</i>.</p>	<p>Three reports released by Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>: A North American Vision; A Multimodal Transportation Infrastructure Investment Strategy; and A Competitive Regulatory and Fiscal Environment)</p>
<p>High Speed Rail Infrastructure</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Minister Baird</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Brian Jean, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Joe Volpe, Liberal Critic for Transport</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Merv Tweed, Chair, House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport</p>		<p>Budget 2009 increases funding to VIA Rail Canada by \$407 million to support improvements to passenger rail services, including higher train frequencies and enhanced on-time performance and speed, particularly in the Montréal–Ottawa–Toronto corridor. Travel time will decrease by as much as 30 minutes between these destinations.</p>
<p>Driving Economic Growth by Improving Infrastructure and Access to International Airports</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letter to Minister Baird</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Brian Jean, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport</p>		<p>Budget 2009 established a two-year, \$4 billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund to provide funding for provincial, territorial, and municipal infrastructure projects.</p>

	<p>March 2009 - Meeting with Joe Volpe, Liberal Critic for Transport</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Merv Tweed, Chair, House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport</p> <p>April 2009 - Meeting with Hon. John Baird, Minister of Transport</p>		
<p>Enhancing Canada's Global Export Advantage – Canada's Asia-Pacific Gateway Export Hubs</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letters to Ministers Baird and Day</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Brian Jean, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Joe Volpe, Liberal Critic for Transport</p> <p>March 2009 - Meeting with Merv Tweed, Chair, House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport</p> <p>April 2009 - Meeting with Minister Day</p>		<p>Budget 2009 established a two-year, \$4 billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund to provide funding for provincial, territorial, and municipal infrastructure projects.</p>
<p>Moving Forward on Open Skies</p>	<p>January 2009 - Letters to Ministers Baird and Day</p> <p>April 2009 - Meeting with Hon. John Baird, Minister of Transport</p> <p>April 2009 - Meeting with Minister Day</p>		