

TAX ALERT

Welcome to TAX ALERT, a weekly dispatch about the proposed federal tax changes. Should you not wish to receive these emails, please contact us directly at YourVoice@cma.ca to be removed from this subscription list.

CMA ADVOCACY UPDATE

The Liberal Caucus met this week in Kelowna, B.C. where the tax proposal occupied a significant portion of the agenda. With MPs seeking assurances from Minister Morneau that the concerns of doctors and other small business owners are being heard and considered, we know that our advocacy work is on track. The government is feeling the heat, but our work is far from over. While the government was hoping the issue would remain below the radar during the summer months, we are seeing the result of our collective awareness building activities.

The small business community and many professional groups are now firmly engaged in this campaign, generating additional opposition to the proposal. As Parliament is set to resume on September 18, our advocacy is entering another critical stage as the focus will shift to the House of Commons, parliamentary committees, and Ottawa-focused representation. And as MPs make their way to Ottawa, we need to ensure that each and every one is aware of our request to extend the consultation period. We urge all physicians to contact their Members of Parliament to emphasize that while in Ottawa, you expect them to voice your concerns about the tax fairness proposal.

WOMEN PHYSICIANS UNITE IN KELOWNA

On Sept. 5, a group of women physicians gathered in Kelowna to discuss the implications of the proposed changes on women physicians and entrepreneurs. In particular, the group highlighted how current tax measures are instrumental in funding maternity leaves as well as associated pregnancy and child care responsibilities, and asked that the government consider these concerns in its gender analysis. [Read our statement.](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT — WEBINAR ON PRIVATE CORPORATIONS & TAX PLANNING

In partnership with MD Financial Management, we hosted a webinar on Aug. 29 featuring guest speakers from the national accounting firm MNP LLP. The webinar looked at the proposed tax changes and how private corporations — particularly medical corporations — could be affected. [A recording is available here](#) for those who missed it.

UPDATE ON GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY

- Over 7,000 letters have been sent using our new letter-writing tool. Our efforts are bearing fruit, but we need to keep up the pressure. Please keep in mind that the most effective and convincing arguments are your own personal stories. [Click here to send yours](#) to your MP or contact YourVoice@cma.ca for assistance.
- Meet with your MP before the House of Commons resumes on Sept. 18. Email

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NEWS STORIES OF THE WEEK

- "New health minister facing pressure to back doctors amid small business tax pushback", CTV News, August 28
- "Trudeau's going to pay a heavy price for tax reform", iPolitics, September 5
- "Mr. Trudeau's government declares class warfare", The Globe & Mail, September 5
- "Doctors arrive at Kelowna retreat to tell Liberal MPs they won't stand for small business tax changes", CBC News, September 6

We encourage you to share these stories with your colleagues on your social media channels or by email to help spread the message further.

PROPOSED TWEETS FOR THE WEEK

- 🐦 New tax reforms from @Bill_Morneau affect not only physicians, but all small businesses. Have your say: <http://bit.ly/2wCl6uM> #UnfairTaxChanges
- 🐦 Changing existing tax structures will have downstream effect on docs' ability to run their practice: <http://bit.ly/2wCl6uM> #UnfairTaxChanges
- 🐦 Over 7,000 strong; all it takes is a few clicks to let government know why tax reforms are unfair: <http://bit.ly/2wCl6uM> #UnfairTaxChanges

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

MD Financial Management blog: [Proposed Tax Changes to Private Corporations: What Physicians Were Asking at General Council](#)

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