Welcome to TAX ALERT, a weekly dispatch about the proposed federal tax changes.

**CMA ADVOCACY UPDATE**

Our advocacy campaign continues, and we’re currently mapping out our plan until the federal budget (anticipated for spring 2018), in partnership with our members and the Coalition for Small Business Tax Fairness.

The Senate Standing Committee on National Finance is continuing its study of the proposed tax changes. CMA President Dr. Marcoux presented to the committee on Oct. 25. You can read his remarks here or watch a recording of the presentation here (begins at 19:17:02). The committee will be holding meetings in Vancouver, Calgary and Saskatoon during the week of Nov. 6.

The CMA continues to speak with a strong voice on this issue and encourages all members to remain engaged. Between now and the release of the federal budget, we anticipate the following activities:

- continuing to meet with MPs and Senators to advance our recommendations;
- engaging with Finance Department officials to provide technical information on the implications of what is being proposed;
- actively working with the Coalition for Small Business Tax Fairness to respond to the government’s recent announcements and to maintain strong momentum for more changes;
- providing the necessary tools and information for physician-members to contact their local MPs; and
- elevating the issue and the recommendations of the CMA and the Coalition through social media, traditional media, and other public fora.

**COALITION PREPARING FORMAL RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT**

Weekly meetings of the Coalition continue and a formal response to the government’s latest announcements is being prepared. The response will take the form of a letter, which is anticipated to be signed by members of the Coalition. This will further emphasize that the small business sector remains very engaged on this issue and that the changes announced to date are insufficient.

**LEND YOUR VOICE**

It’s important that we continue to influence government and speak with a strong, collective voice on this issue. We encourage you to participate in the effort by:

- using our letter-writing tool to let your MP and Minister Morneau know where you stand;
- giving your MP’s office a call to share your views — click here to find his/her contact info;
- getting up to speed by reading our latest key messages, frequently asked questions and speaking points.

**NEWS STORIES OF THE WEEK**

Please 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

Changes to tax proposals do not go far enough — send a letter to @FinanceCanada and let them know:
http://ow.ly/gfJ730gLx4 #TaxFairness

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- MD Financial Management:
  - Fall Economic Statement: Highlights for Physicians
  - Private Corporation Tax Proposals: Federal Government Changes Tax Rate and Tweaks Income Sprinkling
- Visit the taxation page on cma.ca for more information and resources.