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

**VIEW THE FULL RESPONSE: COALITION LETTER TO GOVERNMENT**

In last week’s edition of the Tax Alert newsletter, we shared highlights from the official response from the Coalition for Small Business Tax Fairness to the October 16 announcements by the federal government. The letter is available here for those of you who would like to read it in its entirety. We’ll keep you posted on responses to the letter in future editions of the tax alerts, but if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us at yourvoice@cma.ca.

**SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE HEADS TO ATLANTIC CANADA**

The Senate Committee on National Finance wrapped up the second leg of its study of the proposed tax changes, and is now hosting hearings in Atlantic Canada. Local media headlines point to frustrated entrepreneurs, business owners and professionals who oppose the proposed tax changes.

The Deputy Chair of the committee, Senator Anne Cools, stated the following: “Canadians have concerns about taxation. Clearly, there is great anxiety in Western Canada about these proposals and the future steps the government will take. Most people know little about the complexities of taxation, and rhetoric around the issue has only added to their apprehension. We have heard from farmers, business owners and other professionals. We are making great progress towards producing a thorough and valuable report.”

The committee plans to release its report by December 15, 2017.

**LEND YOUR VOICE**

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 — find their 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:

- Lack of details on small business tax changes a concern for business coalition, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, November 22
- Morneau’s tax proposals still need work despite changes, critics insist, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, CBC, November 22
- Doctors plead with Senate committee to protect their income amid tax changes, CBC, November 22
PROPOSED TWEET OF THE WEEK

There’s still time to tell @FinanceCanada how you feel about #TaxFairness — send a letter today! http://ow.ly/9sgf30gzk3e

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