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

CMA ADVOCACY UPDATE
The CMA — along with members of the Coalition for Small Business Tax Fairness — continues to press the government for a delay in implementation of the changes, given the approaching New Year and the lack of detailed information. To this end, the CMA issued a statement last week, and members of the Coalition are actively joining us in this call as well.

The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance is scheduled to issue its report next week. Early indications point to the Senate expressing concern with the proposed changes — reflecting the sentiment heard time and again during their cross-country hearings. The CMA is prepared to react to the Senate committee report once it’s publicly released.

Signs also point to the government releasing draft legislation on income sprinkling in the coming weeks. Again, the CMA along with the Coalition will be prepared to respond to the announcement.

MEMBERS CONTINUE TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS
Over the holidays, MPs will be in their ridings. We encourage physicians to give their offices a call to either schedule some time to sit down or to speak over the phone — find their contact info here.

You can also participate in the effort by:

- using our letter-writing tool to let your MP and Minister Morneau know where you stand;
- getting up to speed by reading our latest key messages, frequently asked questions and speaking points.

If you need any additional information, please don’t hesitate to contact us at yourvoice@cma.ca.

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:

- Small-business advocates lament ‘appalling’ lack of detail ahead of Jan. 1 tax changes, Globe and Mail, December 5
- Bill Kelly: Can we please talk about those tax changes?, Global News, December 5

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Visit the taxation page on cma.ca for more information and resources.