LOOKING AHEAD TO BUDGET 2018

As we look ahead to the 2018 federal budget, anticipated for this spring, our advocacy focus will be on passive investments. What do we know so far and what are we calling for?

In October, the government amended their original passive investment proposal to allow for a $50,000 passive investment income threshold. They also recognized that passive investment income could be used for a variety of purposes, including parental leave and pensions, both changes the CMA had been pushing for.

Despite these improvements, outstanding issues remain. Along with the Coalition for Small Business Tax Fairness, we’re calling for the government to retain the existing passive investment that allows physicians and small business owners to plan for their future needs, while also funding a safety net to weather the ups and downs of running a business. Should the government remain committed to a cap on passive investment, we’re calling for an increased amount, and one that is adjusted for inflation and cumulative. These are just some of the many details that need to be addressed. That’s why we continue to believe that the government needs to consider a principled based approach to passive investments that can be easily administered and complied with — such as a passive investment threshold.

Stay tuned for more ways you can get involved in our pre-budget push. In the meantime, if you’d like more information, please don’t hesitate to contact us at yourvoice@cma.ca.

TAX ALERT MOVES TO BIWEEKLY SCHEDULE

Please note that moving forward, the TAX ALERT will be published on a biweekly schedule. The next edition will appear on Friday, February 2.

LEND YOUR VOICE

MPs are in their ridings for one more week before Parliament resumes on January 29. This is a great chance for a face-to-face meeting, or simply a phone conversation. We encourage you to give their offices a call to share how these tax changes will affect you and your practice. You can also:

- use our letter-writing tool to let your MP and Minister Morneau know your position on the issue;
- get up to speed by reading our latest key messages, frequently asked questions and speaking points;
- join the conversation on social media using #UnfairTaxChanges.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES