JOIN OUR PRE-BUDGET PUSH
With the 2018 federal budget expected to be tabled in late February or early March, we remain very concerned with the announcement of tax measures related to passive investments, and how they will impact our members.

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.

We need your support to continue to raise our concerns in advance of budget 2018. That’s why we’ve launched a new letter-writing campaign focussed on passive investments. We encourage you to take a few minutes to send your letter today — it only takes a few clicks. You can also personalize your message if you wish, keeping in mind that letters with personalized examples have greater impact.

We’ll be sharing even more information about our pre-budget push in future editions of TAX ALERT. In the meantime, please don’t hesitate to contact us at youvoice@cma.ca for more information.

THE POWER OF LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGNS
Letter-writing campaigns are a great tool to voice collective concerns with elected officials. Since we launched our first taxation letter last summer, we’ve been overwhelmed by the response from physicians. Here are some key highlights from the campaign so far (as of Jan. 14):

- 42,862 letters have been sent to MPs, the Finance Committee and the Minister of Finance
- 66% of MPs have received at least 10 letters
- Every MP has received at least one letter

As a result of your letters, and the meetings hundreds of physicians had with their MPs, the government made some preliminary changes to their plan. But we must keep up the pressure to convince the government that their current plan will still have a negative impact on physician practices.

LEND YOUR VOICE
Below are some ways you can help push for change in advance of this year’s federal budget:

- Give your MP’s office a call to share how these tax changes will affect you and your practice.
- Send a new letter through our letter-writing tool to your MP, Minister Morneau and the Senators on the National Finance committee.
- Get up to speed by reading our latest key messages, frequently asked questions and speaking points;
- Join the conversation on social media using #UnfairTaxChanges.

NEWS STORIES OF THE WEEK
• Morneau flooded with more than 10,000 messages over controversial tax plan: memo, National Newswatch, January 29

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

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