CMA ADVOCACY UPDATE

We’re leveraging our national gathering in Québec City next week to provide an update to delegates and to bring visibility to the issue. With national media in attendance at General Council, there will be opportunities to amplify our opposition to the plan. We continue to work on a submission to government, and in addition to the analysis we commissioned from the Conference Board of Canada, we’re also partnering with the Canadian Dental Association to develop a study on the financial impact of the proposals on the medical and dental communities. The CMA continues to engage with organizations representing self-employed professionals and small business people. There is significant interest in sharing technical information and exploring a joint public letter to demonstrate the wide-ranging impact the proposals will have on small business owners.

CMA TO MEET WITH THE FEDERAL FINANCE MINISTER

A meeting with Minister Morneau will be held on August 30. This is a critical meeting, and confirms that our collective voices are being heard. The CMA will work with PTMAs to present a compelling case, demonstrating the impact of these changes, including how the government needs to rethink its approach to tax fairness.

DISCUSSION AT GENERAL COUNCIL — EMERGING ISSUES SESSION

The proposed tax changes will be featured as part of the emerging issues discussion at our General Council meeting in Québec City on Monday. Attendees will discuss the CMA's advocacy strategy and provide input on our technical brief to the federal government. For more information, please view the General Council program.

WRITING AND MEETING YOUR MPs IS CRITICAL

The House of Commons resumes on September 18, and we urge you to meet with your MPs while they're still in their ridings. If meeting in-person isn't feasible, consider calling their office or sending them a Tweet voicing your concerns — use the hashtag #TaxFairness. We've prepared a fact sheet, "Let's Talk Facts and Fairness", that you may find helpful for your meetings. Elected officials need to hear how these changes will affect your practice. The CMA’s MP letter-writing tool is being extensively used, with more than 3,000 letters sent to MPs; we need to triple this
NEWS STORIES OF THE WEEK

- "It Seems Female Physicians Don't Factor Into Trudeau's Feminism", The Huffington Post, August 9
- "Rising costs, higher taxes have owners 'feeling the brunt' of what some call a war on small business", The Globe & Mail, August 14
- "After the fall harvest, Canadian farmers could face huge tax hit from new rules", National Post, August 15
- "Denley: The Liberal tax plan is hardly about fairness", Ottawa Citizen, August 16

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

PROPOSED TWEETS FOR THE WEEK

- The right to incorporate is about #TaxFairness; tell your MP: http://ow.ly/zWxe30es7mT
- Let's talk facts & fairness: proposed changes to incorporation will affect physicians & small business #TaxFairness

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- MD Financial Management blog
- FAQ on the proposed tax changes

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