



**FREDERICTON
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May 2, 2017

Hon. Cathy Rogers
Minister of Finance
Province of New Brunswick
Chancery Place
PO Box 6000
Fredericton, NB
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Dear Minister Rogers:

Re: Financial Information Related to February Holiday Decision

On behalf of the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce's board of directors and 950 member businesses, I am requesting that your department provide our organization with the economic impact analysis that was completed prior to announcing your government's intention to introduce a new statutory holiday in February 2018.

We are concerned with the growing number of costs that the business community has been expected to absorb over the past two years. Now we are aware that businesses in our communities will also be hit over the next two years - at a minimum - with another holiday, further WorkSafeNB rate hikes, minimum wage increases, a carbon tax and CPP increase.

It is our hope that government takes into account the total cost burden to business from all levels and government, as well as economic growth, which is a lead indicator of business' ability to pay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Krista Ross'.

Krista Ross, CEO
Fredericton Chamber of Commerce

cc: Nicole Picot, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance