



**CANADIAN FEDERATION
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Honourable Mike de Jong
Minister of Finance and Government House Leader
PO Box 9048 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister de Jong,

As you know, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business represents 109,000 small and medium sized business enterprises (SMEs) across Canada, 10,000 of which are in British Columbia.

CFIB appreciates this government's recognition of the crucial role our membership plays as part of B.C.'s economic engine, and we look forward to the continuing opportunities to work with the government in pursuit of our common objectives.

With the provincial budget planning underway, we would like to meet with you to share the results of our member's survey on what's important to small business. We believe the next twelve months will be a critical period in positioning British Columbia as a positive, efficient and competitive environment for small business, which in turn is critical to the vision of a Strong Economy and Secure Tomorrow.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please contact Sean Rognon in our office who would be pleased to help arrange a time, he can be reached by phone at 604 684 5325 or by email at sean.rognon@cfib.ca. If it is helpful for scheduling purposes we will be attending UBCM in Whistler, BC from September 22 - 26. We look forward to hearing from your office.

Sincerely,

Laura Jones
Executive Vice President