# Draft Letter Template

[MP’s Name] [Title] [Address Line] [Address Line] [Address Line]

[Date]

Dear [MP’s name],

While I believe everyone should pay their fair share of taxes, these rules unfairly target small business owners and our families, and jeopardize our ability to plan for the future of our businesses and for our future retirement.

For example, income sharing among family members is a common practice with many small businesses - many of which legitimately employ family members as key partners to ensure that the business succeeds, and as we prepare to hand things over to the next generation. The Government’s proposed rules will only further frustrate business owners by adding a new level of bureaucracy and more red tape for nothing more than hiring members of our own families. This will place a dramatic and unnecessary burden on not just small businesses, but also the families that ensure the long-term viability of the business.

The problems with the Government’s plan do not end with income sharing among family members. The proposed changes to passive income rules will prevent hard-working small business owners from ensuring that their businesses can survive slowdowns and unforeseen events. Small business owners like myself also rely on the investments we make into our businesses to secure a stable retirement. Many of us do not make enough income to maximize traditional retirement tools like RRSPs, so we are left to rely on the value of our business to retire.

I urge you to speak to the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister about the impacts these changes will have on my business and my family and I hope that you will be a voice for the fair treatment of middle- class small business owners such as myself.

Sincerely,

[Name]