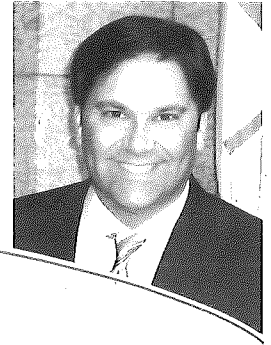


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Mayor-Elect Fred Eisenberger and Council
City Hall
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Dear Mayor-Elect Eisenberger,

Re: Canada-Europe Union Comprehensive Economic & Trade Agreement

As you are no doubt aware, the Canadian Government recently concluded and released the final draft text of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada and the European Union.

This followed some five years of negotiations between the two jurisdictions, and covers an unprecedented, broad spectrum of issues and sectors. Indeed, this trade agreement promises to be a "next generation" treaty that aims to make substantial changes not only to the Canadian business sector, but also to governmental practices and decision-making.

Unfortunately, the Canadian government has chosen to conduct these negotiations with a great deal of secrecy. It has also declined to involve the other parties in Parliament and chosen to restrict consultation to a narrow spectrum of stakeholders.

As the Official Opposition, it is our view that such an important agreement needs to be studied carefully and understood thoroughly prior to assessing its overall merits and weaknesses. We also believe that proper policy analysis requires wide consultation amongst a broad array of Canadian stakeholders.

Accordingly, we are contacting a wide number of organizations and sectors to invite their evaluation of CETA to determine its impacts, both positive and negative, in their area. We will use this information to assist us in understanding CETA's impact and to determine if it is of net comprehensive benefit to our country.

As such, we invite you to examine this agreement and provide us with your evaluation of its impact upon your organization, your sector and/or our nation. The agreement's text may be found here: <http://www.international.gc.ca/trade-agreements-accords-commerciaux/agr-acc/ceta-aecg/text-texte/toc-tdm.aspx?lang=eng>

We would be very grateful if you could provide us with your comments at your earliest convenience and at the latest by December 31, 2014. If you so indicate, we will keep your submissions in strict confidence.

Thank you for your assistance in this important policy area, and we look forward to hearing your views.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Don Davies, MP
International Trade Critic for Canada's Official Opposition