



INDO-CANADA
OTTAWA BUSINESS CHAMBER

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Dear ICOBC members,

It is with great pleasure I want to share this very important “Thank You” letter which we have received from the Minister of Finance, the Honorable James Flaherty.

We were invited to participate in the budget consultation process. Mr. Deepak Obhrai extended that invitation to our organization. Through many small and large group discussion, we submitted our suggestions to Mr. Obhrai and he forwarded to the Minister of Finance’s office. I am very proud to report to the membership that your involvement in preparing these suggestions has made direct impact on the budget and some of the suggestions have made their way into the budget.

Congratulations for contributing to the national business culture and keeping our organization engaged in the current and topical events affecting our chosen country.

Warmest Regards,

Dr Nishith Goel
Chair – Indo-Canada Ottawa Business Chamber (ICOBC)

Subject: Thank you for your participation in the Budget Consultation Process

On behalf of the Minister of Finance, the Honourable James Flaherty and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for taking the time to participate in the Budget Consultation Process by meeting with Deepak Obhrai and/or providing a submission directly to him, which he then forwarded for review during the pre-budget process.

To ensure Canada’s Economic Action Plan would meet the needs and concerns of all Canadians, we undertook an unprecedented consultative effort. We met with Canadians from across the country and from every walk of life. We also listened to the views of the thousands who participated in on-line consultations.

We benefited from the wise counsel of the business leaders and other eminent Canadians who agreed to serve as founding members of the Economic Advisory Council.

This nation-wide, pre-budget consultation produced a clear consensus. Canadians, like yourself, spoke unmistakably about the need to deliver potent economic stimulus to support the vulnerable, encourage growth and restore confidence in our economy. Yet the measures contained in Canada’s Economic Action Plan will also ensure that once this global economic slowdown inevitably ends, our country will be ideally placed to prosper.

Thank you again for taking the time to provide your thoughts, suggestions during the Budget Consultation Process.

Sincerely,
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