

March 20, 2020

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Ministers:

On behalf of the regulated cannabis sector, its employees, shareholders, customers/patients, and companies, we are requesting that the Government of Canada implement immediate measures to provide economic stimulus to our industry.

Canada's cannabis industry has weathered several shocks in the past six months, including the loss of over 2,000 well-paying jobs in the sector. Our access to capital, including credit, is challenging. COVID-19 has added another significant impact, both with our suppliers and our workforce.

As the federal government considers supports for small, medium and large Canadian businesses, we ask that the regulated cannabis industry be included. Some identified ways to do this are:

- Equal and fair access to significant supports for all cannabis companies working to keep employees employed, including access to wage subsidies as announced on March 18, 2020 by the Prime Minister and Finance Minister. The announcement made March 18 is only applicable to small businesses but a number of stakeholders across the industry employ a greater number than would qualify under the definition of small business;
- Equal and fair access to funding through federal agencies, EDC or BDC as other industries have for credit instruments. Presently, for example, BDC has indicated that the regulated cannabis sector can not access the \$10B in stimulus funding, part of which is available through that crown corporation.

We are not asking for special treatment, but rather equitable treatment.

These are difficult times and we appreciate the Government of Canada taking decisive action. Regulated cannabis companies face economic stigmatization despite serving the legal, federally regulated system. All Canadian cannabis companies highly value our employees, patients, and consumers -- their health and safety are our top priority.

We are asking that this industry, which has added a cumulative total of \$8B to the Canadian GDP over the course of the last year, specifically and explicitly be included in all economic stimulus measures and provided the support that is being offered to every other Canadian business at this time.

Sincerely,

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