



Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Mr. Rick Casson, MP  
255 - 8 Street South  
Lethbridge, AB T1J 4Y1

Dear Mr. Casson:

The current financial crisis is taking a severe toll on the residents of Lethbridge and on all Canadians and despite our many strengths, Canada cannot escape the global downturn. In this regard, we find it extremely disconcerting that the discourse since the tabling of the Economic Update has been almost exclusively focused on political gains and posturing.

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, in consultation with local chambers from across Canada, has issued the attached principles that respond to the critical factors fuelling the financial crisis, such as the access to credit, stock market turbulence and currency fluctuations. As President of the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce, I fully support these principles, and encourage you, in the best interest of Lethbridge and of Canadians, to focus your efforts in a non-partisan manner towards advancing these principles.

It is time to stop playing political games and concentrate on measures to immediately bolster investor and consumer confidence and restore economic growth. Canadians deserve no less from their elected officials.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Hatt".

Dennis Hatt  
President  
Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce

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cc: Premier Ed Stelmach  
Mr. Greg Weadick, MLA Lethbridge West  
Ms. Bridget Pastoor, MLA Lethbridge East  
Mayor Bob Tarleck and City Council, City of Lethbridge