



March 17, 2020

The Honourable Bill Morneau
Hill Office
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Hon. Bill Morneau,

When the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, the Canadian government announced a comprehensive response package to combat and mitigate the impacts of the outbreak in Canada. I am contacting you on behalf of the Canadian Automatic Merchandising Association (CAMA), a national not-for-profit association representing the interests of the convenience services sector which includes vending services, office coffee services and unattended retail spaces such as micro markets. The implication of the closures of public and private institutions have already had a significant impact on the industry. This represents a significant loss of revenue for many small to medium sized owner operators who are deeply affected by these cancellations.

We are requesting the sector receive a portion of the fiscal support announced by the government to address the impacts of COVID-19. Financial assistance to combat and mitigate the impacts of the outbreak of COVID-19 is greatly needed to protect the future of our members and industry stakeholders.

CAMA is committed to working with the government on the management of this pandemic. Please contact Marie Saint-Ivany saint-ivany@vending-cama.com should you have any questions or wish to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

Chris Stegehuis
President

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