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Dear Mr. Gauthier,

Thank you for your email, and thank you for the advocacy you provide to all business owners in Canada and New Brunswick.

Our party believes strongly that businesses and entrepreneurs are the engines of prosperity in New Brunswick. At the moment, Brian Gallant's tax-and-spend approach has hurt businesses and taxpayers, while saddling the next generation with more and more debt. Our party will have a responsible plan to reduce the deficit over the next four years.

We are committed to working with small businesses to reduce the tax burden over our time in government. This will include the gradual elimination of the double tax and fighting a job-killing carbon tax. The carbon tax will increase costs by \$1200 per household and will turn away investment. We also plan to introduce a jobs tax credit that will provide a real boost to employment and business growth. Our government will push for free and fair trade across Canada, so that New Brunswickers can access markets across our great country.

Our party we work with stakeholders to improve our worker's compensation system so that businesses aren't unfairly impacted by massive rate increases. We will not apply the federal change on investment provincially, and we reject Brian Gallant's cozying up to Trudeau on this issue. New Brunswickers deserves a government that will stand up for New Brunswick businesses.

We have no plans to change employment standards, and we will certainly not raise payroll taxes. The Liberals have already hammered small businesses - any changes we make will be to reduce taxes. We will make sure that our regulations are nationally and internationally competitive, and we will build a tax regime that allows business to prosper. This will include reforming municipal powers so that cities and towns can help their communities thrive. We don't need Brian Gallant's approach of taking money out of communities and dictating from the centre.

The best way to address the labour shortage is to make sure we have a competitive business environment and high-quality education services. Focusing on literacy, as our party has pledged to do, will improve outcomes and ensure that New Brunswick businesses have workers that can add value. We cannot drive away workers with high taxes and costs, we must instead encourage investment through a competitive environment that rewards business owners. Our party will do this in concert with our Atlantic counterparts, particularly around inter-provincial trade.

Many thanks again for your sharing your questions and concerns. We look forward to working with you, and all New Brunswick businesses, to build a province where opportunities can flourish.

Sincerely yours,
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