

National Allied Golf Associations



The following is a summary of key points to keep in mind for meetings with Members of Parliament from the various political parties. Though our general message is the same for all parties, a slightly different approach will be needed depending on the party of the MP with whom you are meeting.

Conservative Party

- Congratulations on your majority victory.
- Our ask is very modest and will simplify the way in which our members can do business.
- All we're asking for is tax fairness: to be treated in the same way as all other industries.
- Right now the golf industry is singled out in the income tax act. Your party is committed to red tape reduction and tax code simplification. This would be an easy way to achieve both of those important goals.
- This measure would cost very little. Your government is in the process of lowering corporate income taxes which is a very important initiative. Compared to that, correcting this inequity will cost an insignificant amount.

New Democratic Party

- Congratulations on becoming the Official Opposition.
- This is an industry made up almost exclusively of small business owners and operators.
- I know that you are strongly pro-small business: your most recent platform contained a tax reduction for small business and we applaud that.
- One of your caucus colleagues – Randall Garrison – will be introducing a private members bill that speaks to this very issue early in the upcoming Parliamentary session. We hope that you will support the bill.
- Our ask is a very simple way to increase tax fairness and to reduce red tape.
- The government's corporate tax reductions do not affect most of our members because they are small businesses. This is a very tangible policy that hurts our 2,500 mostly small business members all over Canada.

Liberal Party

- Your party has always been strongly pro-small business.
- Closing this tax loophole would represent a simplification of the tax code and a reduction of the red tape burden imposed on our sector.

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When the MP asks "What can I do for you?"

- Pledge support for MP Randall Garrison's Bill, to be introduced early this session
- Bring up this issue with Minister Flaherty (Conservative MPs) and in caucus (all MPs)
- Speak to this issue in the House of Commons
- Offer to provide media outlets in your riding with supportive quotes on the issue
- Bring up the issue in Question Period (NDP and Liberal MPs)