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Hon. Jerome Kennedy, Q.C., M.H.A.
Minister of Finance
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
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Dear Minister Kennedy:

I wish to thank you sincerely for your time on Friday, March 6, to speak with myself and Vice Chairs Derek Sullivan and Jo Mark Zurel. I want to further thank you for your insightful and candid remarks, and for your willingness to listen to our feedback and suggestions.

The St. John's Board of Trade takes its role as the voice of business very seriously as it is entrusted to us by more than 700 members, and the business community at large in this city, the region and the province.

If there is a way that the Board may continue to collaborate in the final weeks and days leading up to Budget 2009-10, so that we may offer solutions as you face difficult decisions, please let us know and we would be happy to be engaged.

Again, thank you for your time, and best wishes in your deliberations with your Cabinet colleagues. We look forward to welcoming you to speak at one of our popular luncheons and will be sure to welcome you in our customary warm manner.

Sincerely,

Bruce Templeton
Chair