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The Honourable Denise Batters
Senate of Canada
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Via email:

Dear Senator Batters,

On behalf of the membership of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our concerns regarding Bill C-59. The business community in Saskatchewan is deeply troubled by the potential implications of this Bill and its significant, unquantified impact on the routine operations of various businesses.

Bill C-59, along with the amendments in Bill C-56 (An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Competition Act) and the 2022 amendments in Bill C-19, represents a substantial overhaul of Canada's competition law regime. This extensive change is likely to pose significant challenges for our businesses, sparking multi-faceted concerns and a disheartening amount of uncertainty among our members given the scale of the changes.

The Bill appears to have been rushed through without adequate consultation. A more consultative approach, engaging both industry stakeholders and provincial governments, is essential to develop regulations that are effective, fair, and conducive to good governance and economic sustainability.

The Saskatchewan business community urges the Senate to act. Join us in calling for substantial revision of this Bill to avoid detrimental impacts on Saskatchewan's economy and its business community.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.



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Sincerely,

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