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Honourable Hedy Fry, PC, MP  
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Dear Dr. Fry,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Building Owners and Managers Association of British Columbia (BOMA BC), we wish to make a submission for consideration to your Federal Government Pre-Budget Consultation.

BOMA BC feels that targeted tax incentives for green building management programs, such as BOMA BEST, which currently has 5000 registered buildings across Canada, will help spur small and medium sized companies to implement energy efficiency and carbon reduction initiatives. More importantly, we feel that direct funding through associations such as BOMA BC, to provide hands-on assistance for our less capable members to conduct necessary energy audits, business cases and incentive mapping, will help us target the less accessible side of the commercial buildings management industry for energy and carbon reduction initiatives.

Infrastructure upgrades are fundamental to the flow of people and goods which is paramount to the commercial real estate management industry and to our association. It is vital for us to be able to fix problems that occur in our buildings in a flexible and timely fashion so any improvements to our city's infrastructure needs are welcome and advocated for by BOMA BC.

Innovation is key to the future success of communities and any opportunities for the government to financially support innovative practices such as new energy systems (i.e. Solar Panels) or tax credits to support holistic building management practices (i.e. BOMA BEST) would be a tangible and effective means of transforming the commercial buildings industry.

BOMA BC has implemented an emergency mass notification system for the commercial real estate management industry in BC, so any strategy or funding program to support emergency preparedness and response communications infrastructure or best practices would be an effective method to increase the level of public safety across our cities in Canada.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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