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Dear Minister:

You say you will reduce taxes on Canadian workers and businesses to improve tax fairness and reduce tax distortions that favour or impede particular sectors, business structures or sizes. An issue you should address is the deduction limit for meals that truck drivers can claim as business or employment expenses. In Canada the general limitation on meal expense deductions is 50%, but it used to be 80%. In 1994 it was reduced to 50% to harmonize with US changes. However, the US government soon realized it was being unfair to truck drivers who spend a lot of time away from home and whose choices on where and when to stop and eat are constrained by regulations governing driving/rest times. The US government decided to gradually restore the allowable meal deduction for truck drivers. The current limit is 75%, but will be fully restored to 80% in 2008.

To make matters worse when I cross the border these days, I can't try to save money by packing my own meals. Sandwiches and soups containing meat are not allowed into the US, nor are most fruits and vegetables. I have to eat to do my job and stay alive. I am not entertaining clients with expensive meals and wine at upscale restaurants. Please tell me you will restore the 80% meal deduction limit for Canadian truck drivers in your 2007 budget.

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