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Dear Mayors Shepherd & Baker, Presidents Norm, Bill & David,

It's that time of year again when I ask for your input on what our federal government's priorities should be in Budget 2010, specifically those that will benefit our community, the Province of BC and the Country.

Minister Flaherty has made it clear that there will be no "big-ticket" spending in Budget 2010 because in order to tackle the deficit we will have to be disciplined. More than half the deficit this year and next year is entirely intentional temporary stimulus spending to protect unemployed people, to extend benefits and to do thousands of infrastructure projects to help protect jobs in this country.

In this context, Minister Flaherty is seeking our advice, and in turn I am seeking yours, based on the two following questions:

- Are there measures in the Economic Action Plan (<http://www.actionplan.gc.ca/eng/index.asp>) that should be revised? Measures that should be extended? Measures that should be ended prior to their retirement date? Are there areas where funding should be shifted to meet changed priorities?
- Our Government has outlined a plan to eliminate the deficit as the economy stabilizes, without drastic spending cuts or increases to taxes. If warranted, this will mean slow growth of direct program spending in future years to ensure balanced budgets. In what areas should we focus growth restraint?

I know pre-budget considerations can be tough but I value your input and believe that the best advice I can present to Minister Flaherty is based on the priorities and challenges you see before you.

I look forward to receiving your feedback. My deadline to report back to the Minister is December 9<sup>th</sup> so if you can provide me with your input – point form is fine – by December 4<sup>th</sup> that would be great.

Thanks and look forward to hearing from you all. With reasonable economic growth, our Okanagan Valley will continue to prosper and Canada will return to a balanced budget.

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