

Dear platform leader,

I am writing on behalf of trade contractors across Canada who are united against the systemic issue of payment delays in Canada's construction industry. The National Trade Contractors Coalition of Canada (NTCCC) represents thousands of tradespeople and thousands of small businesses from coast-to-coast who have been affected by delayed payments. This issue has led to layoffs, bankruptcies, higher construction costs and fewer competitive bids in the construction sector, which has driven up prices for consumers, governments, and taxpayers.

This year, our members are committed to spreading awareness and pushing for solutions during the election period.

NTCCC is calling on all parties to commit to introducing Prompt Payment Legislation that will require all federal contracts for construction projects to include a prompt payment clause. This would require general contracts to make payments on-time for work that has been completed and that is not in dispute. Without costing government anything extra, this would be a positive stimulus to the construction industry and would have the positive long-term effect of inviting more competitive bids and more affordable projects overall.

Other countries like the United States, United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand have eliminated the delayed payments bottleneck in their construction industries. Canada remains an outlier. I have attached a briefing note that outlines the issue further, but would like to invite officials from your party to meet with myself and other representatives of the trade contracting community to discuss the issue further. I can be reached by phone at (613) 232-0492 or by email at rick@mcac.ca.

I encourage you to further explore this important issue and to commit to introducing Prompt Payment Legislation in your upcoming election platform.

Thank you,

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