

Via Email: pm@pm.gc.ca

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Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

## RE: Eliminating Taxes and Tariffs on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

On behalf of myself and Langford City Council, I am writing to you today to request that all customs and excise taxes and tariffs on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) related to the fight against COVID-19 be eliminated immediately. Examples include but are not limited to gloves, gowns/aprons, masks/respirators, goggles, face shields, etc.

The federal and provincial governments should not be profiting via tariffs and taxes on essential items required in the fight against COVID-19. Available PPE is crucial to the safety of our frontline workers and businesses, and eliminating government interventions on these items will increase accessibility for those who need them most.

I believe that this is a necessary step that our federal and provincial governments must take to support our frontline workers. I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

**Stewart Young** 

Mayor, City of Langford

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