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Hon. Ed Stelmach
Leader, PC Association of Alberta
9919 - 106 Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta
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RE: Costing details of PC Association election platform

Dear Mr. Stelmach,

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) is a non-partisan, non-profit, citizen-organization whose mission is to promote lower taxes, less waste and greater accountability at every level of government.

During this provincial election the CTF has been tracking the various spending promises made by each of the four main parties, and have posted each list on our website.

I've enclosed a copy of the list for the PC Association of Alberta. To date, we've noted 15 such promises made by your party that we believe will require new spending to fulfil. You'll also note we were only able to find two of these commitments with which your party provided the cost. The remaining 13 promises remain publicly un-costed.

We would request your party please provide the costs, both one-time and on-going, for each spending commitment you have made during this election, prior to the March 3rd vote.

We strongly believe taxpayers and voters have the right to know both the individual and broad fiscal implications of your spending promises.

Further, in lieu of your statement to the Calgary Chamber of Commerce that: Alberta's program spending reflects the increase in population, plus inflation (Calgary Herald, January 31, 2008), we will be interested in knowing how your program spending commitments impact Budget 2008.

We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Hennig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Scott Hennig
Alberta Director
Canadian Taxpayers Federation