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The Honourable Michael Ignatieff  
Leader of the Opposition Party  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Ignatieff:

The Speech from the Throne and Federal Budget presented by the Conservative government this week were a clear attack against quality public services. The freeze on public sector wages and operations, combined with an increase in deregulation and free trade, will further weaken the economy and hurt Canadians.

Clearly, this is not a budget that puts people first. It does nothing to create jobs and meaningful long-term investment in the social infrastructure that Canadians need. The Canadian economy remains fragile and Canadians across the country are looking to their government for quality public services and support. Instead of strengthening regulations, especially in the areas of food safety, the environment and transportation safety, the Conservatives are looking to further deregulation. The Conservatives are freezing the services and the workers that provide them, and opening Canada up to increased foreign investment and free trade.

This is not what Canadians deserve. This is why I am looking to meet with you in the coming days to put a counter position forward on this budget. We need to work together to change the destructive course of Stephen Harper; not only opposing this budget but his policies and overall vision for this country.

My office will be contacting you in the near future to establish a meeting time. Should you need to reach me, I can be contacted at: 613-560-4315, [gordonj@psac.com](mailto:gordonj@psac.com). I look forward to discussing this matter further with you, and count on your support to put public need – and not corporate greed – first in Canada.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Gordon', written over a horizontal line.

John Gordon  
National President

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