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Via email: Bill.Morneau@Canada.ca

The Honourable William Morneau, P.C., M.P.
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Department of Finance Canada
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Dear Minister Morneau,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA), a not-for-profit association representing over 36,000 jurists, including lawyers, notaries, law teachers and students across Canada. We promote the rule of law, access to justice, effective law reform and provide expertise on how the law touches the lives of Canadians every day.

On March 12, 2020, the Canadian Society for Association Executives (CSAE) wrote to you about the impacts of COVID-19 on associations, and asked that the not-for-profit sector receive a portion of the fiscal support announced by the government to address the impacts of COVID-19. The CBA fully supports the CSAE's work to ensure that this sector is supported during this difficult time.

The implications of cancelled events have already had a significant impact on the CBA. To date, we have had to postpone our largest annual conference of more than 500 immigration lawyers, scheduled in Montreal April 4-6, and the conference of the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association (CBA's section for in-house lawyers) at the end of April. In total, the CBA has eleven conferences in our spring line-up that are at risk. This represents a significant loss of revenue for the CBA (our exposure on penalties alone is over \$500,000) which may lead to staff layoffs and reduced ability to provide the programs and services on which our members rely. Additionally, our service providers and venue partners are deeply affected by these cancellations.

As stated by the CSAE, financial assistance to combat and mitigate the impacts of the outbreak of COVID-19 is greatly needed to protect not-for-profit associations. The CBA stands with the CSAE and agrees with their recommendations.

Sincerely,

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