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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of retailers throughout Halifax Regional Municipality, I am requesting an opportunity to speak with the Executive Standing Committee regarding the proposed tax changes, coming before HRM Council this Fall. If this request is accepted, I would like to bring representatives from two retail businesses that would be affected by these proposed approaches. I realize that the rule is to only allow two people at a presentation but given the retail sector is so diverse, I am hopeful that you will allow me to be joined by two retailers.

I will find interested retailers to join me for the presentation once I know if I am able to present to the standing committee. Given the many of the concerns with the HRM proposals relate to the possible impact on large mass merchant retailers, I can state that the interested retailers would likely represent some of the largest employers in HRM.

I thank you for your consideration of this request.

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