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Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

I am writing today to request that your government institute single event sports betting for the Canadian industry immediately.

As you are aware I was involved in two legislative attempts with two different bills to create this opportunity for our industry and workers. There has developed significant and widespread support for this change from across the gaming sector, chambers of commerce, municipal governments, and major league sports leagues.

During the most recent election campaign your regional candidates in a press conference and in various public debates and venues advocated and supported a change in the criminal code to facilitate this activity. In fact, you returned to Windsor shortly after your candidates made significant commitments on this issue.

After the election there was a meeting held with all stakeholders from the gaming sector, the chamber of commerce, unions, and elected officials including the member from Windsor Tecumseh who is now a parliamentary secretary in your government. The consensus was that single event sports betting in Canada must be established.

As the legalization of single event sports betting has taken place in the United States with dozens of states having legalized or about to implement this form of gaming, this has created a significant competitive disadvantage for our gaming sector putting at risk future investment and job creation.

In fact since my last letter to you on this issue on November 7 the situation has become more urgent with the State of Michigan legalizing single event sports betting in December with implementation to be full in effect for the college basketball playoffs in March. An immediate change in the law, such as an order-in-council, would correct this and put our industry on more stable footing while ensuring their ability to compete.

Thank you in advance for your time and immediate attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Masse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

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Cc: Hon. Irek Kusmierczyk, Member of Parliament, Windsor-Tecumseh