Dear candidate,

Did you know that Saskatchewan’s retail industry is not only an important barometer of the health of the province’s economy, but also a key driver of growth and jobs? From main street independent retailers to major multi-nationals, retail is the largest private sector employer in Saskatchewan with over 76.000 Saskatchewanians working in the sector’s 4,900 stores.

As part of this year’s election, I encourage you to consider the positive impact that the Saskatchewan retail sector has on this community, as we seek a government supportive of policies that promote growth and opportunity for Saskatchewan’s retail industry.

Retailers across the province are going through a period of unprecedented change. From challenges with the global supply chain and the impact of inflation on product prices; to how consumers shop, both in-store and through e-commerce platforms, constant rapid change will continue to transform my business.

In order for retailers to flourish in this new environment it is important that your party commit to supporting policies that help ensure that small, medium and large retailers across the province can continue to compete and provide meaningful and stable jobs in our community.

Some of our top priorities include:

* Having the government become an active contributor in strategies that address the escalating safety and security concerns at Saskatchewan stores, including helping address gaps between the efforts of police agencies, prosecution, retailers and other important community stakeholders.
* Commit to establishing a road map to lowering business taxes in support of Saskatchewan economic growth and opportunity, including managing the province’s dependence on its PST.
* Returning to the CPI / average wage approach to minimum wage adjustments ensures a transparent, predictable formula and adequate lead time for business owners to budget.
* Fixing the current definition of “day” in *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* that is inconsistent with any other jurisdiction in Canada, as it has overtime thresholds that carry over into new calendar days, forcing overtime costs even when an employee has received appropriate time off between shifts.
* Work with our the RCC more closely to implement strategies that will help support the sector’s projected 7,000 worker labour requirements

When I cast my ballot, I will do so with these issues in mind. I encourage you, if elected, to support these key policy pillars. Each will have a positive effect on Saskatchewan’s largest private sector employers. If you would like more information, please refer to the Retail Council of Canada’s special election website VoteRetail.ca or contact RCC at info@voteretail.ca.

Sincerely,

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