



To Our American Friends Who Own Property in Canada:

I wanted to share with you the latest developments in our push to hold Americans harmless from Canada's Underused housing Tax.

On May 24th I held a [meeting in Washington, D.C.](#) with members of the House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade. Subsequently, Tony Baldinelli, the Member of Parliament representing Niagara Falls, Ontario, introduced a motion to *“undertake a study on the Underused Housing Tax, which has become an unintentional non-tariff trade irritant with Canada's largest trading partner, the United States of America; that this study focus on the Underused Housing Tax impacts on Canadian border communities.”*

The committee held two hearings to collect testimony from stakeholders. I was pleased to have the opportunity to [speak before the Canadian body on behalf of impacted Americans](#) on June 5th. Additional [compelling remarks](#) were made by U.S. residents and Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop. My full written brief, which includes some of the feedback I have received from many of you through our survey, is available [here](#).

Knowing this issue extends beyond state and political boundaries, I recently led a [bipartisan letter](#) signed by Members of Congress representing districts across the country, advocating for the U.S. Secretary of State to work with the Government of Canada to find a solution before the tax is due under the extended deadline of October 31, 2023.

We are planning additional meetings and strategies to get to the goal of exempting Americans from the Underused Housing Tax in the weeks ahead.

I hope you are enjoying your home away from home in Canada this summer season. I will continue to keep you updated on the latest developments.

Sincerely,



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