



May 15, 2023

Mr. Peter Bevan-Baker

Leader of the Third Party

*Sent via email*

Dear Mr. Bevan-Baker,

On behalf of the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce and our over 1,160 members, congratulations on your re-election in your district and to you and your colleague on forming the Third Party for our province.

In March, the Chamber shared [a series of policy recommendations in support](#) of local economic development, based on feedback from our membership.

We were pleased that several of our recommendations were similar to those that appeared in your party's election platform and campaign announcements. As such, we look forward to collaborating on the following commitments:

- Working with industry to identify labour shortages and help recruit and retain internationally trained professionals to fill those gaps.
- Working with community organizations, such as the Immigration & Refugee Services Association of PEI, the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Atlantic Student Development Alliance, to support newcomers and retain recent graduates.
- Streamlining accreditation for internationally-trained workers.
- Continuing to bring workers to the province through immigration programs targeted to the specific labour gaps and skill needs of industry.
- Indexing tax brackets to ensure our tax system reflects increases to the cost of living.
- Promoting enrollment in programs that address key labour shortages on PEI

We welcome a discussion on the details of these items, particularly on the commitment to work with community organizations, such as our Chamber, to support newcomers and retain recent graduates.

In the coming weeks, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to brief on issues our members are facing and discuss how we could collaborate.

We look forward to working with you and your caucus over the course of your mandate.

Sincerely,



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