

VIA EMAIL

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The Honourable Raj Chouhan Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament Buildings Victoria BC V8V 1X4 Email: Speaker@leg.bc.ca

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Please find below a report regarding a regulation made on March 29, 2021 under the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*, SBC 2020, c. 8 (CRMA). This report is presented pursuant to subsection 4 (2) of the CRMA.

Subsection 4 (4) of the CRMA requires that this report be laid before the Legislative Assembly as soon as possible.

The COVID-19 (*Income Tax Act*) Regulation (B.C. Reg. 94/2021) permits officials to use income tax information that the Ministry of Finance already has in its possession for purposes of administering and enforcing the Increased Employment Incentive and the BC Recovery Benefit until the *Employer Health Tax Act (EHTA)* and the *Income Tax Act (ITA)* are amended to provide for these authorities. The regulation is effective from December 18, 2020 until the earlier of when CRMA is repealed or when the *EHTA* and *ITA* are amended.

Members may direct any questions to me in respect of this report and the effects of the attached regulation.

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Attachment