

WINDSOR-ESSEX REGIONAL Chamber of Commerce

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Canadian Chamber President & CEO Urges Senators to Pass Bill C-290 Single Sports Betting and Let the Provinces Decide

Windsor, ON – Further to the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber's resolution that was successfully passed at the Canadian Chamber AGM in BC in September, Canadian Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Perrin Beatty has written to senators in support of Bill C-290.

Mr. Beatty's letter asks that senators focus their debate on what Bill C-290 would, if passed, permit rather than on the morals of the issue.

If Bill C-290 were passed, the provinces, under whose jurisdiction gaming has exclusively resided since 1985, would have the policy lever to decide whether or not, and under what conditions, wagering on single sporting events will be permitted.

The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce has received national support from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce membership to have Senate pass Bill C-290.

"We are thankful for the national support we've received on this important economic issue and are especially thankful to our resolution co-sponsors: the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce, The Niagara Falls Chamber of Commerce, the B.C. Chamber of Commerce, La Fédération des chambres de commerce du Québec, The Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce, and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce," said Matt Marchand, Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce President & CEO.

"We hope that the senators will listen to the Canadian business community and pass Bill C-290. The economic and social benefits of passing Bill C-290 are significant—including job creation, an increase in tourism, and a legal alternative to single event betting. The Bill has all party support in the House of Commons, business community support and labour community support. It's time to pass Bill C-290," Marchand continued.

The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce thanks its resolution co-sponsors as well as local MPs Brian Masse and Joe Comartin, and the labour community including CLC President Ken Georgetti and Windsor and District Labour Council President Dino Chiodo.

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