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The Hon. Diane Lebouthillier
Minister of National Revenue
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RE: CERB Repayments

Dear Minister Lebouthillier,

I am writing to express deep concern with respect to the government's handling of the CERB program and the treatment of Canadian small business owners at a time of crisis.

Last year, [REDACTED], owner of [REDACTED], a hair salon in my riding of South Surrey—White Rock, applied for and received CERB payments after her business was forced to close due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

In December, [REDACTED] received a letter from the CRA indicating that she may not have been eligible for the CERB payments she received. [REDACTED] immediately repaid the funds.

Later, [REDACTED] learned that she was, in fact, eligible for the CERB program, and that she would be repaid the money she had already paid back to the government. She continues to wait for these funds.

[REDACTED] then received a T4 slip from the government indicating that she collected CERB payments – money she already repaid in full. [REDACTED] is now being audited.

How can [REDACTED] be expected to pay taxes on CERB payments that she does not have?
How many other CERB recipients are similarly being asked to pay taxes on funds they have not received?

This is not the way Canadian small business owners deserve to be treated during a crisis.

Yours truly,



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