

March 23, 2026

Hon. Jim Reiter
Minister of Finance
Room 312,
2405 Legislative Drive,
Regina, SK,
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Dear Minister Reiter,

Re: Saskatchewan's 2026-27 Provincial Budget

On behalf of the NSBA – Saskatoon's Business Association, I would like to thank you for the Government of Saskatchewan's 2026–27 Provincial Budget and to recognize the many measures within it that will positively support businesses in Saskatchewan and Saskatoon. Although our clear preference is for a balanced budget and beyond that, debt reduction, we recognize the challenges you are facing in today's tumultuous geopolitical arena.

As such, we are encouraged to see the Province present a budget that takes the ever-changing landscape of the Saskatchewan, Canadian and world economies into account when crafting this year's budget. This balanced approach sends a clear signal of confidence and stability, which is critical for businesses making investment and growth decisions in an increasingly uncertain global economy.

As we indicated to you in our pre-budget letter dated January 15, 2026, the government's continued commitment to a competitive tax environment is particularly important to our members. Maintaining the small business tax rate at one per cent ensures Saskatchewan remains one of the most attractive jurisdictions in Canada for entrepreneurs.

We also commend the province's significant investment in infrastructure through the \$4.3 billion capital plan, with \$17.5 billion in planned spending over the next four years. These investments are vital to supporting economic growth, strengthening supply chains, and ensuring Saskatoon remains competitive as a hub for commerce and trade.

The focus on workforce development is another positive element of this budget. This includes \$68 million for the Graduate Retention Program and \$9 million for the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship, helping to attract and retain talent in the province. Additional measures to strengthen the skilled workforce include increasing the Apprentice Training Allowance to better support those training away from their home communities, adding 300 new apprenticeship training seats to bring

the provincial total to 5,300, and increasing funding for the Regina and Saskatoon Skills and Trades Centres to allow for three additional training courses per year. Further, increased funding through the Labour Market Transfer Agreement with the federal government will help protect Saskatchewan workers and businesses from the impacts of tariffs and support continued labour market stability. We believe these measures will help strengthen Saskatchewan's labour force and provide incentives for investors looking for a strong, educated and resourceful labour pool.

We also recognize the importance of investments that support safe and resilient communities. Increased funding of \$50 million for Saskatchewan RCMP and First Nations policing, bringing total funding to \$310 million, is a meaningful step toward enhancing safety across the province. The budget also invests nearly \$400 million in Municipal Revenue Sharing—an increase of \$30 million from last year—helping municipalities like Saskatoon deliver essential local services and infrastructure. Additional targeted measures include \$190,000 to introduce the Small Town and Rural Policing Program, \$140 million in funding for the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (an increase of \$20 million), and the doubling of the Volunteer First Responders' Tax Credit. Together, these investments strengthen community safety, emergency response capacity, and overall confidence in the environments where businesses operate.

Overall, we are happy to see a budget that reflects a thoughtful and balanced approach that supports economic growth, encourages investment, and addresses key priorities for the business community. We appreciate the Government of Saskatchewan's continued focus on creating a strong environment for businesses to succeed.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues to ensure Saskatoon's business community remains competitive, resilient, and well-positioned for future growth.

Sincerely,



Keith Moen
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