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STEP Canada
Tax Technical Committee & Public Policy Committee

RE: STEP Canada Reacts – July 18, 2017 Tax Proposals

To all STEP Canada members,

Our various committees have been hard at work in responding to the July 18 tax proposals. The collective view is that these proposals have not been well thought out, are misguided in many ways and, at a minimum, need to be deferred, for a full and proper consultation to occur.

To this end we have done the following:

- organized a special one-day symposium to which members of various other professional bodies and associations were invited, [click here to see the symposium program with presentation links](#) and [here to see the press release](#);
- constructed a series of examples which show many of the problems with the proposals and circulated them, [click here to see the examples](#); and
- written to the Minister of Finance to express our concern with the short consultation period and asked that this be extended, [click here to see letter](#). We are working with a number of other groups who oppose the proposals.

Our Public Policy Committee and Technical Committee are working on representations.

We will continue to keep you informed,

STEP Canada

About STEP:

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