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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

Dear Prime Minister Harper:

Subject: Compensation to small business for revenue losses due to G8/G20

Delegates to the Convention of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada meeting during the G20 Summit expressed their support for small businesses operators and employees when they passed the following:

Motion 3.4: Resolution petitioning the Government of Canada to allocate funds to compensate small business operators for lost revenue due to the G8/G20

That the Eastern Synod petition the Government of Canada to allocate funds and invite vendors, small business operators and their employees, to apply for and receive adequate compensation for lost revenues, wages, and/or other costs or expenses incurred as a consequence of the security measures implemented for the G8 and G20 conferences.

We applaud the decision of your government to provide the *ex gratia* payment program designed to recompense businesses and individuals who suffered financial harm because of the convention of world leaders. We are concerned, however, that this payment program may not cover all those who experienced losses.

We therefore urge your Government to compensate **all** vendors, small business operators and their employees who lost revenues, wages, and/or other costs or expenses incurred as a consequence of the security measures implemented for the G8 and G20 summits.

In closing, I wish to thank you for the opportunity to write to you regarding this important matter. I also wish to express my appreciation for your consideration of the same.

With all of God's blessings,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Pryse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "P".

Bishop Michael Pryse, Eastern Synod of the
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- c. The Honourable Michael Ignatieff, Leader of the Official Opposition
- Gilles Duceppe, Leader of the Bloc Québécois
- The Honourable Jack Layton, Leader of the New Democratic Party
- The Rev. Susan Johnson, National Bishop, ELCIC
- Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, the Anglican Church of Canada