CANADIAN Taxpayers FEDERATION
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Petition

Municipal Business Tax

To the Mayor and Council, City of Winnipeg:

Cities across Canada such as Regina, Saskatoon, Brandon and Vancouver have eliminated their business taxes – but Winnipeg's 9.75 per cent rate still exists. This puts us at a significant disadvantage vis-a-vis other jurisdictions. Consequently, it is time for our elected officials to do their part by lowering and eventually phasing out the tax. This would help stimulate the economy, put downward pressure on outmigration, and most important, it would give Winnipeg businesses a competitive advantage.

The City's strategy of freezing business taxes is not working as issues like affordability, competition and long term revenue growth hinge on a sensible solution to phasing out this regressive tax. The other problem with the business tax is that it is profit-insensitive therefore a more aggressive approach to business tax relief would release the uncompetitive tax burden on Winnipeg businesses without causing too much disruption to revenue streams.

We the undersigned believe that Winnipeg City Council must begin the phase out of the municipal business tax.

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