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Dear Prime Minister,

**SUBJECT: Government urged to fast track small tech businesses funding to save economy**

Earlier this month, the Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance (CATA) wrote to you proposing ways to immediately help Canadian owned small business tech companies affected by COVID-19.

My name is Danny Ladouceur and I am writing to you today in full support of CATA's proposal, including their \$3.6 Billion Resilience and Rebound (R & R) fund - in addition to all the current emergency funding programs.

It is an urgent situation and I ask for your leadership.

I am a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and a Partner and National Leader, Credits & Incentives at RSM Canada.

In this role, I set the vision and direction in my firm's Canadian Credits & Incentives (SR&ED and Government Grants) practice.

- I have recently relocated to Toronto from Calgary, but I have worked all across Canada with all of the big accounting firms as well as many small and medium sized businesses during my 30 years of extensive public practice and private sector experience.
- Day to day, I also advise private, public and multinational corporations across a wide range of industry sectors in the areas of SR&ED, Digital Media Tax Credits, and in fact, in all areas of government grants and incentives.
- While the details of the proposed R&R fund will need some tweaking, the core concept of delivering a significant advance to these well-known SR&ED companies directly will have a profound and immediate effect in saving STEM jobs, and continued research and development in Canada.

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It will help save these companies and this innovative sector by:

- Demonstrating a strong commitment from the Canadian government to protect the 10s of billions already invested in the sector.
- Utilizing globally-coveted treasure chests full of human capital, intellectual property as well as emerging and brilliant business models.

CRA data can be easily used to match the needs of each specific company to the amount necessary to give them confidence through the COVID-19 storm. All or substantially all companies have a track record that makes the program accountable.

Over the last three weeks, I understand the CATA team has been speaking with senior staff in your office and the key Ministries of Finance, Small Business and Innovation, Science and Economic Development.

While I hear the conversations are encouraging, it appears that this now needs strong leadership from you, Prime Minister.

I have linked the letter that CATA sent you, which can be found [here](#).

I thank you for all you are doing for our country and look forward to working with you and your colleagues on this important initiative.

These companies need help in days, not weeks.

Yours truly,

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