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## Memorandum

To: Members of the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association  
 From: Ken Cousineau, NAGA Chair  
 Subject: NAGA's Omission in the Budget Shows Need for Continued Advocacy  
 Date: April 3, 2013

Dear CGSA Member,

The federal budget was released last week, and it is with great disappointment that I tell you that NAGA's request for tax fairness was not included. While we recognize the government's commitment to balance its books by 2015, it is important that MPs from all parties know that what we are requesting is merely tax fairness for Canada's golf industry. Without meeting with MPs on an individual basis, NAGA's request can be misconstrued as a request for special treatment which is in fact not the case.

It is imperative that members from NAGA organizations reach out to their MP to express disappointment in golf's exclusion from the budget while also taking the time to ask for advice on how to move this important issue forward in the months to come. The first two weeks of April are the first break weeks following the budget and represent the perfect opportunity to meet with MPs while they are in their constituency. MPs are always willing to meet with people from their riding. It takes about 20 – 30 minutes of your time to meet with your MP to explain the issue and ask for their support.

We hope we can count on you to get involved and speak with your MP during this critical time. For assistance or to report the results of your MP meetings please contact Impact Public Affairs at 613-233-8906 or [NAGA@impactcanada.com](mailto:NAGA@impactcanada.com).

Despite fiscal pressures, fairness is fairness and grassroots advocacy will show our industry is not giving up. It's important that MPs see that the continued prejudice against the country's golf industry will not be met lying down.

Sincerely,

Kenneth S. Cousineau, CAE



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