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MP Sahota: Canada Acts to Eliminate Barriers to Interprovincial Trade

09/04/19 – Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North joins Canadians in excitement to hear that the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental and Northern Affairs and Internal Trade, has highlighted plans to eliminate the only remaining federal barrier to trade in alcoholic beverages within Canada, taking the first step to give Canadians better access to Canadian products without restrictions.

The Government of Canada is taking a leading role in promoting trade within Canada, including in wine, beer and spirits, to grow the economy and create good middle-class jobs. As promised in Budget 2019, the Government of Canada has introduced legislation which will remove the federal requirement that alcohol moving from one province to another go through a provincial liquor authority. Once that measure passes, provinces and territories will need to make their own changes in order for direct-to-consumer shipping to be allowed across Canada.

MP Sahota calls on the Government of Ontario to take up the challenge to give Canadians freedom of choice and allow wine, beer and spirits to be sold directly to consumers across provincial borders. The Government of Canada has lifted all federal impediments to alcohol moving across borders within Canada. The only remaining barriers fall under provincial and territorial jurisdiction and can only be removed by the provinces and territories.

“For too long, Canadians have been frustrated by the restrictions on the transportation of Canadian products like beer, wine and spirits between provinces and territories. I have heard this concern directly from business in Brampton and most recently at the MP Forum held by the Brampton Board of Trade,” said MP Sahota. “This is just another example of how our government is committed to fostering economic growth, reducing the red tape for our small and medium-sized businesses, and creating good, middle-class jobs across the country.”

Budget 2019 maintains the Government of Canada’s strong commitment to working with provinces and territories to better harmonize regulations across domestic boundaries, opening up the door to more seamless trade between provinces and territories. When barriers to trade within Canada are eliminated, Canadian companies are better able to trade within Canada and beyond, while also giving Canadian consumers greater choice.

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