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Via Email: [bill.morneau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:bill.morneau@parl.gc.ca)

The Honourable Bill Morneau  
Minister of Finance  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Morneau:

This year has been exceptionally challenging for truck drivers in Canada. The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) appreciates the Government of Canada for addressing some of our industry's concerns. We are also extremely proud of the men and women who continued to work through the worst of COVID-19 to ensure the public had access to needed goods.

As you know, COVID-19 made a number of things more difficult for truck drivers, which included limited access to food – both domestically and internationally. And when it was available, in some cases it was considerably more expensive. Combined with the Canada-U.S. exchange rate decline, it is clear that Canadian truck drivers are still facing significant cost challenges.

Truck drivers need relief from soaring food costs out on the road. The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) has recommended the Government of Canada adjust the meal allowance for both long and short haul drivers. In short, we strongly support CTA's recommendation.

Adjusting the meal allowance is a reasonable and meaningful way for the Government of Canada to recognize the efforts of Canadian truck drivers. We realize there are many requests from other industries as a result of COVID-19, but we eagerly await a positive outcome on this request.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me directly at (816) 229-5791 or [todd\\_spencer@ooida.com](mailto:todd_spencer@ooida.com) should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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