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Senator Ratna Omidvar  
Chair  
Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology  
The Senate of Canada  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Senator Omidvar,

**Subject: Support for Bill S-244**

The CFIB represents 97,000 small business owners across Canada in every sector of the economy.

We are writing to voice our support once again for Bill S-244, which would create the Employment Insurance Council. Senator Diane Bellemare introduced this bill. It is our understanding that the bill has been referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology.

Our members recognize the importance of the employment insurance program. They want to ensure that the program is financially viable over time and fair to its contributors.

Creating an Employment Insurance Council, which would bring together employer and employee representatives to provide advice and make recommendations to the Commission, would foster and facilitate ongoing dialogue and engagement between every stakeholder. We strongly urge that senators support this bill and help it move through both houses quickly.

Sincerely,

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Vice-President, National Affairs

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Director, National Affairs

cc: Senator Jane Cordy, Deputy Chair, Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, all senators and members of the committee