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**Re: Federal Review of Cedar Tree Investments/Ambang Insurance Group  
Purchase of Retirement Concepts**

Minister Singh Bains:

The Council of Canadians NWT Chapter is writing to request an extension of your ministry's review under the provisions of the *Investment Canada Act* of the Ambang Insurance Group's proposed purchase of the Canadian assets of the Retirement Concept.

The NWT Chapter is concerned that a full and comprehensive opportunity for public review and commentary on this proposal is required, meriting the extension of review period scheduling. That the proposed takeover would invoke the provisions of the Canada-China Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (FIPPA) is further cause for caution and review, to ensure that Canadian national interests are safeguarded and any potential for action under investor state dispute resolution claims is prevented.

We look forward to your positive response to this request, and the opportunity to be consulted in future review of this proposal.

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Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Diane Finlay, MP, Economic Development Critic, Conservative Party of Canada

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