



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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SUBJECT

Tax system

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

The Government of Canada recognizes that when our women and men in uniform deploy, they, and their families, make great sacrifices on behalf of their country. As such, the Government is committed to ensuring that Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members are treated equally on deployments and are appropriately compensated for the outstanding work they do.

This is why the Government announced on 18 May 2017 that CAF members deployed on named international operations as designated by the Chief of the Defence Staff will be exempted from paying federal income tax on their salary to the level of Lieutenant-Colonel. This is in addition to the allowances awarded to compensate for hardship and risk.

The Government of Canada firmly believes that all CAF members should be compensated fairly and appropriately. As such, the new measure announced on 18 May 2017 will ensure CAF members deployed on named international operations will receive tax relief. This commitment was reiterated in Canada's new defence policy, *Strong, Secure, Engaged*. This measure, which also applies to police, will be retroactive to 1 January 2017. The change requires an amendment be made to the *Income Tax Act*, and notice of this intent has already been given.