

Alberta BIA Alliance

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Dear Premier Kenney and all Members of Cabinet,

Support for Alberta Restaurants Delivery Fee Rate Cap

In this letter the Alberta BIA Alliance would like to affirm our support yet again for Alberta to put in place a temporary cap on delivery fees to help support restaurants. We would like to see a 15% cap on fees charged to restaurants by food delivery companies. An additional cap of 5% for other related fees for services like online processing and ordering is also needed.

Our provincial dining establishments have suffered greatly and while they have adapted, it has not been without additional costs. Providing takeout is the only thing keeping many of them open. The delivery fees can run as high as 30% and this is far too high and seen as gouging by many restaurants during a very vulnerable time.

The economic challenges of owning and operating a restaurant in Alberta were already tough prior to COVID-19. The government must do more. We applaud the early efforts to allow the delivery of alcohol for dining establishments but it is not enough as the closures for indoor dining drag on.

As you continue to work towards Alberta's recovery, it is imperative that we consider a "Supporting Local Restaurants Act" to help our local dining establishments until they can resume full capacity dining. We are not asking for it to remain forever but during a time when public health measures make indoor dining prohibited, we need to ensure we are supporting the very businesses this government mandated the measures to.

Alberta BIAs are eager to be a part of the Alberta solution and look forward to your response.

Respectfully,



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