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Pierre Lemieux Supports Agrees with Ensuring Fairness at the Gas Pump

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OTTAWA — Pierre Lemieux, Member of Parliament for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, fully supports the recent announcement that the federal government has taken steps to protect the public from inaccurate measurement when purchasing gasoline or other measured goods. The proposed Fairness at the Pumps Act will make retailers more accountable for the accuracy of their pumps and other measuring devices.

“It is estimated that each year, due to inaccurate measurement, Canadian consumers receive a full \$20 million dollars less gas than what they pay for at the pumps,” stated Mr. Lemieux. “This completely unacceptable – when Canadians pull into a station to gas up, they want to know that what is on the pump is what is in the tank.”

The proposed Fairness at the Pumps Act would enhance retailer accountability for measuring device accuracy by insisting that the devices such as gas pumps and retail food scales be inspected at regular intervals. As well, the Act proposes increased fines of up to \$10,000 for minor offences and \$25,000 for major offences, as well as a new fine of up to \$50,000 for repeat offences. These deterrents would work in conjunction with a system of administrative monetary penalties to prevent measurement inaccuracy.

To perform the inspections, the new act would create a system of authorized service providers, trained and certified by Measurement Canada. These measurement technicians would consist of non-government inspectors which would result in the double benefit of creating and expanding business opportunities in communities, as well as allowing Measurement Canada to leverage its resources to improve measurement accuracy and raise consumer confidence in the marketplace.

Under the Fairness at the Pumps Act, Measurement Canada inspectors would remain in their current role of assessing the accuracy of measurement devices through independent inspections, as well as addressing grievances of inaccurate measure and performing secondary inspections. Measurement Canada inspectors would be solely responsible for taking enforcement actions when inaccuracies were found.



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“Our government is taking concrete action to protect consumers from paying more than they should at the gas station and other places where goods are measured,” commented Mr. Lemieux. “By requiring retailers to have the accuracy of their machines verified on a regular basis, this new act sends a clear message – if businesses don’t do their part to ensure measurement accuracy, they will be held to account.”

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