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CHAMBER SAYS IT'S TIME TO PUT CANADIANS AHEAD OF POLITICS

Need for Measures to Bolster Investor and Consumer Confidence: Angus

December 4, 2008 (Winnipeg) - The Board of Directors of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, in consultation with local chambers from across Canada, has issued principles that respond to the critical factors fuelling the financial crisis, such as the access to credit, stock market turbulence and currency fluctuations.

“I fully support these principles, and encourage MPs, in the best interest of Winnipeg, Manitoba and of all Canadians, to focus their efforts in a non-partisan manner towards advancing these principles,” says Dave Angus, President & CEO of The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce

The current financial crisis is taking a severe toll on Canadians. In this regard, The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce and its members find it extremely disconcerting that the discourse since the tabling of the Economic Update has been almost exclusively focused on political gains and posturing.

“It is time to stop playing political games and concentrate on measures to immediately bolster investor and consumer confidence and restore economic growth. Canadians deserve no less from their elected officials,” concluded Angus.

The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, founded in 1873, is the leading organization representing the voice of business in Winnipeg. The Chamber currently represents almost 2,100 businesses in the City of Winnipeg.

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Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Dave Angus will be available for media comment at 1:30 p.m. following the State of the Province Address at Canad Inns Polo Park

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