

Sample letter to the editor:

We Need a Coalition Government Now.

The Conservative government of Stephen Harper only has itself to blame for the current political crisis. Last week's Economic and Fiscal Update clearly showed that the government is either unwilling or unable to seriously deal with the deepening global economic crisis and its ramifications on Canada. In either case, Canadians cannot afford a government that lacks the political will to invest in our economy, people and country.

While Governments around the world have made major economic investments to deal with the crisis, Harper's government showed its inadequacy by engaging in partisan political games and attacks. Instead of following the advise of the G20 to urgently invest 2% of national income on the economy, the Harper government decided to cut spending to the tune of \$9 billion over the next three years.

This is not what Canadians voted for only six weeks ago and this is not what Canadians need in a time of crisis. We need an economic plan that will create jobs, safeguard our pensions and protect our hard-won rights – not the direction that was set out in Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's economic update. Canadians cannot wait until Flaherty's budget in late January – they need action now.

Let's make Parliament work and support a government that will act responsibly. The best way to do this is to support a Coalition government that is dedicated to dealing with Canada's economic crisis.