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New Legislation Extends Family Benefits to Self-Employed REALTORS®

OTTAWA (November 3, 2009) – The Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) applauds the government for taking action to address many of the inequities in the Employment Insurance (EI) program faced by self-employed REALTORS®.

Under legislation introduced today, the self-employed would have the option to participate in elements of the EI program.

“This is an important step to level the benefits playing field for self-employed Canadians,” said Dale Ripplinger, President of CREA and a Saskatchewan REALTOR®. “We are thoroughly reviewing the legislation. We look forward to working with the government to ensure access to EI benefits for REALTORS®, which can help balance career and family life.”

About The Canadian Real Estate Association

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