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Kevin Waugh Introduces His First Private Members Bill in the House of Commons

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OTTAWA - February 26, 2016 - Today, the Member of Parliament from Saskatoon-Grasswood introduced his first Private Members Bill in the House of Commons. The Bill seeks to rectify a long-standing situation with the Excise Tax Act that includes a tax on tax for Canadian School Authorities.

“Canadians pay for their schools either through municipal or provincial taxes. These schools are then charged 100% GST on almost everything they purchase. They are subsequently reimbursed 68% of the GST after completing cumbersome and time-consuming paperwork, quarterly. My Bill seeks to amend the Excise Tax Act to have the School Authorities reimbursed 100%,” said Waugh. “As a former executive member on the Saskatchewan School Boards Association and a long-serving Trustee on the Saskatoon Board of Education, this has been an issue that has been a passion of mine. Now, as a Member of Parliament, I hope to rectify this with my Bill.”

In Saskatchewan alone, this 32% reimbursement would represent a savings to taxpayers of approximately \$8.7 million per year.

“It is such a simple amendment, it reads:

1 Paragraph (c) of the definition *specified percentage* in subsection 259(1) of the Excise Tax Act is replaced by the following: (c) in the case of a school authority, 100%.

That’s it. So little, that would mean so much, to so many. I’m hoping to get everyone on board and get this passed.”

Kevin hopes to rally his colleagues in the House of Commons and School Authorities across the country to support his efforts and bring this long-standing injustice to an end.

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