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### **Canadian Home Builders' Association of BC participates in Forum for Growth on Parliament Hill**

**Burnaby (June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014)** – Canadian Home Builders' Association of BC (CHBA BC) President Rob Capar, CEO Neil Moody, and Urban Council Chair Chris Hartman attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Forum for Growth in Ottawa last week. The forum was hosted by the National Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA), and provided CHBA delegates with the opportunity to meet with Members of Parliament to discuss key priorities for the association and its membership across Canada.

The CHBA BC representatives met with Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment; Colin Mayes, Member of Parliament for Okanagan–Shuswap; and Ron Cannan, Member of Parliament for Kelowna–Lake Country and Vice Chair of the Housing Caucus.

During these meetings, the delegates discussed (i) the issue of deteriorating housing affordability; (ii) the growing shortage of skilled tradespeople and the need to promote a career in the skilled trades; (iii) the need to address the underground economy in home renovation through Home Renovation Tax Credits; and (iv) the importance of government investment in technical and socio-economic housing research.

The day of meetings on Parliament Hill was followed by a reception, attended by many of the Members of Parliament who had met with CHBA members during the Forum, including the Honourable Jason Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada. Neil Moody, CEO of CHBA BC added, “The meetings provided an invaluable opportunity to meet with MPs and government officials, and discuss with a unified voice, the concerns and issues of the residential construction industry. There was a buzz in Ottawa and certainly CHBA’s presence was felt on Parliament Hill. The receptions gave us a chance to build relationships with the MPs and explore solutions to some of the issues.”

The 2014 Forum for Growth was a huge success in raising the profile and increasing awareness of the issues that affect our industry. As the voice of the residential construction industry in BC, CHBA BC will continue to share information and work closely with CHBA National in its federal advocacy efforts.