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**Submission to Technical Safety BC Proposed Fee Changes 2021 – 2023**

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## **Overview**

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The Canadian Home Builders' Association of BC (CHBA BC) represents over 2,100 member companies of the residential construction industry including small- and medium-sized business for home building, renovation, trades, suppliers, service professionals, and more.

Our members are essential to the province's economic prosperity. In 2019 alone, the residential construction industry generated over 213,000 on-site and off-site jobs, resulting in \$13.4 billion in wages and \$25.6 billion in built investment value<sup>1</sup>.

## **Feedback on the Proposed Changes**

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CHBA BC would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for Technical Safety BC's decision to delay the effective date of any fee increase in order to consult with clients and partners on the profound impact the COVID-19 pandemic has and continues to make.

We understand that between 2021 and 2023, Technical Safety BC is effectively seeking to implement a total 6% increase to all products and services through incremental annual increases over the next three-year period. While we do not express significant concern with the magnitude of the fee increases, CHBA BC believes there are other ways Technical Safety BC can support its clients and stakeholders, like our members, during this challenging period.

CHBA BC and its members would welcome the opportunity to connect with a representative from the Stakeholder Engagement team to discuss the industry's experience in working with Technical Safety BC during the home building process and potential ideas to improve services.

Thank you again for the efforts you are taking to alleviate the impacts of the pandemic and to allow us to be involved in this consultation process. If you have questions or would like to have a follow-up discussion with CHBA BC staff, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> Estimates based on 2019 data from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Statistics Canada