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Attention: David Hardy, President, Fitness Industry Canada
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**Re: Conservative Party of Canada response to December 21, 2005 enquiry
on tax deductibility for gym memberships**

The Conservative Party of Canada believes that encouraging Canadians to become more physically fit will result in the increased health and well-being of our citizens, thus lessening the burden on our health care system. We believe that it is especially important to instill in our youth the importance of physical activity. As you may already know, a Conservative government will commit to allowing the parents of young people under 16 years old who register their children in organizations that promote physical fitness to claim a federal tax credit on registration fees to a maximum of \$500 per year per child. A Conservative government would consider extending such a plan to cover gym memberships for all ages should the fiscal framework allow for such a measure. We certainly agree with the intent and objective of such an initiative and would give it serious consideration.

Kind regards and thank you for your enquiry.

The Conservative Party of Canada.