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BUSINESS LEADERS SAY "YES"

At a news conference in Ottawa today, the President and Chief Executive of the Business Council on National Issues (BCNI) pledged Canada's business leaders to a vigorous support of the "YES" side in the constitutional referendum.

Mr. Thomas d'Aquino said that the BCNI will support the Charlottetown Agreement as "an important achievement." A rejection of the Agreement, he said, "could impose incalculable costs on all Canadians -- costs that will be reflected in political strife, social divisions and severe economic consequences."

Mr. d'Aquino referred to Canada as "the finest country in the world" and urged Canadians to settle our constitutional differences so that "we can turn with new found vigour and confidence to the task of building a 21st century Canada whose social and economic strengths will be the envy of the world."

The BCNI is composed of 150 chief executives of Canada's leading companies. A non-profit, non-partisan organization, it conducts research, consultation and advocacy on a wide range of national and international policy issues.

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