



THE MALTA CHAMBER

Dear Prime Minister,
Dear Leader of the Opposition,

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry, and on behalf of our members and as the largest employer body representative.

Over many years, The Malta Chamber has earned its credibility through consistency, evidence-based positions, and a clear focus on safeguarding Malta's long-term economic sustainability. We have repeatedly and persistently emphasised the need for policies that strengthen productivity, competitiveness, and responsible governance—principles which are also central to our national strategic direction.

It is therefore with serious concern that we are observing that certain proposals being issued in the context of the current electoral campaign, if implemented, would directly harm the business community and, ultimately, the Maltese economy as a whole.

Short-term, politically-driven measures that ignore economic fundamentals, distort labour markets, or impose additional burdens on enterprise are not only misguided—they are reckless. They risk undermining competitiveness, discouraging investment, and weakening Malta's economic resilience at a time when global pressures are already intensifying.

This approach is fundamentally at odds with the direction outlined in Vision 2050. That vision calls for a long-term, productivity-driven, and value-focused economic model. What we are currently witnessing is a departure from these principles, in favour of proposals that prioritise immediate electoral appeal over national interest.

The business community cannot support such an approach.

As The Malta Chamber, we have always been constructive and solutions-oriented. Our proposals are grounded in research, consultation, and international best practice. We will continue to engage in this spirit. However, we will not hesitate to speak out when proposals are clearly detrimental.

What is wrong is wrong. What is right is right.

We therefore call on both of you, as leaders of the country's main political forces, to exercise responsibility and restraint. Any proposal put forward must be assessed not on its popularity, but on its feasibility and its impact on productivity, competitiveness, labour supply, and long-term economic sustainability.

Populism cannot be allowed to dictate economic policy.



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Businesses plan for the long term. They invest, employ, and grow based on stability and predictability. Political cycles may span four or five years, but the consequences of poor economic decisions endure far beyond that.

Malta cannot afford to get this wrong.

We urge you to ensure that all commitments being made are credible, deliverable, and aligned with the long-term national interest. Productivity and competitiveness must remain at the core of any policy direction if we are to safeguard Malta's future prosperity.

The Malta Chamber remains ready to engage constructively with both sides. However, we will also remain firm and unequivocal in defending the interests of the business community and the broader economic wellbeing of our country.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'William Spiteri Bailey'.

William Spiteri Bailey
President
The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry