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Dear Colleagues,

First, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to seek reelection for the post of co-chairman of SPIBA Finance Committee. As you may know, these elections are not the first for me as I have been the co-chair of the Committee for the past few years. During that time, my colleagues and I have held many events, striving to promptly cover current tax and financial issues. I also instigated the introduction of SPIBA Tax Talks, a new event format that has been extremely well-received by the public. This format allows discussing the latest tax trends in an informal setting like a live conversation. We also hold every year high-profile SPIBA Tax Conferences to sum up the tax results of the outgoing year and prepare for the following year.

If I may, I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I am a partner at Forte Tax & Law (fortetaxandlaw.com), and over the past 15 years, I have been advising business representatives on tax matters, including the development and implementation of transfer pricing strategies for various types of cross-border transactions, on international tax matters, as well as on overpaid tax and VAT refunds, etc. My clients are mostly international and foreign companies from various industries such as IT, manufacturing, FMCG, wholesale and retail trade, hospitality, etc., and this has allowed me to gain a varied experience and keep abreast of the latest changes in various areas of the economy.

My expertise has been rated in various international ratings. I was honored to receive the award of the Lawyer of the Year in Tax Law in St. Petersburg bestowed to me by the 2021 Best Lawyers rating. I have also been recommended as a transfer pricing expert by World Transfer Pricing 2020 rating from the International Tax Review. The tax practice that I head at Forte Tax & Law has also been recommended by ratings of law firms such as The Legal 500, Pravo.ru-300, Kommersant, and World Transfer Pricing.

In recent years, I have also been actively involved in promoting tax and business incentives in government agencies. My colleagues and I have promoted, in particular, the introduction of an



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investment tax deduction in St. Petersburg through a working group that closely collaborates with the Governor of St. Petersburg to improve business conditions in the city. And thanks to our concerted efforts and well-coordinated cooperation within the working group, the investment tax deduction was introduced in St. Petersburg at the beginning of 2020. This tax deduction allows companies to decrease the amount of profit tax remitted to the regional budget in an amount equal to their investment in fixed assets.

I would be happy to continue sharing my expertise with SPIBA members, liaising with state authorities, bringing ideas for discussion at round tables on taxation and protection of business interests with tax authorities and financial institutions.

Truly yours,
Anton