

May 7, 2019

Hon. Demetrios Nicolaides
Minister of Advanced Education
307 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Nicolaides:

On behalf of our membership, a network of 124 community chambers representing over 25,000 businesses in the province, we wish to congratulate you on your election as MLA representing the riding of Calgary-Bow and appointment as Minister of Advanced Education.

You and your colleagues' commitment to work with the business community is very encouraging. Over ninety-five per cent of chamber members are small-and-medium sized; these job creators are eager to work in a competitive environment where they can grow and create opportunities for Albertans.

Prior to the election the ACC network developed Vote Prosperity, a platform with seventeen recommendations to inform the incoming government's crucial efforts to develop a coherent, pro-growth policy framework for the province. The ACC network has now launched further initiatives to support these recommendations with rigorous, evidence-based investigations of the business communities' perspectives on priorities for the province.

We hope the outcomes of our initiatives will be constructive in the new deliberations that government is undertaking to address the challenges and issues facing business and Albertans. We would appreciate an opportunity to meet to discuss how we can support you with this important work going forward.

A copy of the Vote Prosperity platform is enclosed for your reference, and we look forward to collaborating with a view to improve Alberta's competitiveness and opportunities for shared prosperity. At your earliest convenience, please contact Ken Kobly at 780.975.1659 or kkobly@abchamber.ca so we can schedule a meeting.

Best Regards,



Shauna Feth
Chair



Ken Kobly
President and CEO

Cc: Rod Skura, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education

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