

December 16, 2015

Hon. Sarah Hoffman
Minister of Health, Minister of Seniors
423 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Minister Hoffman:

The Alberta Chamber of Commerce would like to express our appreciation that Deputy Minister Carl Amrhein and Assistant Deputy Minister Mike Leathwood attended our annual Deputy Minister's Dinner on November 24. Guests and our members, community chambers from around the province, heard a clear and important message that evening: the Province is looking to partner with the business community to make Alberta a better place to live and work.

Protecting the health of all workers in Alberta is a priority for our chamber federation, 128 local chambers representing 24 000 businesses in the province. In the interest of developing the partnership between business and government, we would welcome an opportunity to meet with you to discuss the opportunities and challenges for business related to the delivery of health care in Alberta.

Supporting healthy workplaces is a cost-effective way to lessen the burden on our current health care system while improving the lives and livelihoods of all Albertans. Our members also see opportunities for improving health outcomes throughout the province by improving access to compensation for nurse practitioners, allowing these frontline workers to operate independently. Our federation's policies outlining these opportunities are attached for your consideration.

If your schedule would allow for us to meet Ken Kobly, our President and CEO, may be reached on his cell phone at 780.975.1659 or by email at kkobly@abchamber.ca. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Carman R. McNary, Q.C.
Chair



Ken Kobly, FCGA
President and CEO

CC. Deputy Minister Carl Amrhein
Assistant Deputy Minister Mike Leathwood.