

December 16, 2015

Hon. Shannon Phillips
Minister of Environment and Parks, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women
208 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
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Minister Phillips:

The Alberta Chamber of Commerce would like to express our appreciation that Deputy Ministers Sandra Locke and Kim Armstrong 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 Alberta's business community to make Alberta a better place to live and work.

We would like to meet with you to discuss the opportunities and challenges our members see with *Alberta's Climate Leadership Policy* and *Alternative and Renewable Energy Framework*. Current regulation restricts businesses' ability to implement many emerging and cutting-edge technologies that would enable their competitiveness and leadership in doing sustainable business. While these initiatives hold promise for Alberta's sustainability and growth of the green sector, ensuring current barriers are removed by new policy frameworks is a priority for our members.

The members of our federation, 24 000 businesses with ninety-five per cent being small and medium sized, have developed policies which outline these issues and proposed solutions to them. These policies have been attached for your consideration.

If your schedule would allow for us to meet to discuss the environmental future of our province and its emerging green economy 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 and working together to support the sustainability of Alberta's environment and the green leadership of businesses in our province.

Sincerely,



Carman R. McNary, Q.C.
Chair



Ken Kobly, FCGA
President and CEO

CC: Deputy Minister Sandra Locke, Climate Change Secretariat
Deputy Minister Kim Armstrong, Status of Women