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Mr. Ken Kobly, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Carman R. McNary, QC, Chair  
Alberta Chambers of Commerce  
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Dear Messrs. Kobly and McNary:

I received a copy of your December 16, 2015 letter to Mr. Dan Rizzoli, Assistant Deputy Minister, Advanced Education, regarding the Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP). As the new Deputy Minister for Labour, I am pleased to respond.

The Government of Alberta reinstated STEP on January 25, 2016, and we are pleased to have the support of the ACC. The new version of STEP has an expanded mandate in that it seeks to support the growing needs of small businesses in Alberta. More information on STEP can be found at [www.albertacanada.com/STEP](http://www.albertacanada.com/STEP).

I understand that you have sent on a package of policy recommendations to the department and requested to meet with the Minister. We welcome the opportunity to work together to explore how we can best support Alberta's businesses and labour force. Please be assured the Minister's office will be in touch at the earliest opportunity regarding your request.

Thank you for writing. I look forward to working with you on areas of mutual interest.

Sincerely,



Jeff Parr  
Deputy Minister

cc: Rod Skura  
Deputy Minister  
Advanced Education