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Ms. Shauna Feth, Chair
Mr. Ken Kobly, President and CEO
Alberta Chambers of Commerce
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Dear Ms. Feth and Mr. Kobly,

Shauna + Ken!

Thank you for your letter regarding the Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) policy resolutions from your recent Annual General Meeting. On behalf of the Government of Alberta, I would like to reaffirm that your organization is a valued partner in supporting business growth and development in Alberta, and I welcome your input. I also commend your membership for providing valuable economic insight on the important issues outlined in your policy resolutions.

Our government understands that small businesses are the backbone of our economy. Small businesses have a larger economic impact per capita in Alberta than anywhere else in the country. The information and industry input provided by ACC is a valuable resource for my ministry. I am pleased that Mr. Kobly was recently able to present for my ministry's Executive Team, and my Deputy Minister, Jason Krips is looking forward to speaking at ACC's strategic planning session on September 6, 2018.

I welcome the opportunity to further discuss ACC's priorities. Please contact my scheduling assistant, Ms. Emily Shannon, at 780-644-8554, or via email at emily.shannon@gov.ab.ca, to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Deron Bilous
Minister of Economic Development and Trade

cc: Jason Krips, Deputy Minister
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