



October 23, 2015

Hon. Rachel Notley  
Premier of Alberta  
307 Legislature Building  
10800-98 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Premier Notley:

On behalf of the 126 community chambers who represent 24 000 businesses in Alberta, ninety five per cent who are small and medium-sized, the Alberta Chambers of Commerce commends you and your government for creating the new Ministry of Economic Development and Trade.

The business community values the realignment of departments responsible for economic development and trade in one coherent ministry. It makes good business sense and positively signals why Alberta will continue to be the best place to invest and to start and grow a business. We applaud your vision in this regard as a lack of coordinated services has hindered the ease of doing business in this province.

This new ministry's mandate clearly reflects how the success of Alberta's job creators is a priority for your government. Access to capital has been a long-standing barrier to competitiveness, sustainability and growth for small and medium-sized businesses in Alberta. We welcome the opportunity to work with the ministry to support the design of initiatives in ways that make sense. If we can facilitate implementation of initiatives through the chamber federation, we would be more than willing to help.

We also commend the appointment of the Honourable Deron Bilous as Minister of Economic Development and Trade. Our members appreciate the priority for his attention will be Alberta's economic competitiveness. These prudent and focused actions on the part of government contribute to the certainty business so critically depends on in taking risks and creating jobs.

We hope that you and your government will continue to engage the Alberta Chambers of Commerce and our members as meaningful partners with a shared view to supporting the long term prosperity of all Albertans and all communities within Alberta.

Sincerely,

Carman R. McNary, Q.C.  
Chair

Ken Kobly, FCGA  
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