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The Honourable Eleanor Olszewski, P.C., K.C., M.P.
Minister of Emergency Management and Community Resilience
Minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada
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Dear Minister Olszewski,

Subject: Request for Meeting to Discuss Federal Policy Priorities for Southeast Alberta

On behalf of the Southeast Alberta Chamber of Commerce, congratulations on your election as MP in Edmonton Centre and your appointment as Minister responsible for Prairies Economic Development Canada, as well as Emergency Management and Community Resilience. We know that as an Alberta MP and Cabinet Minister, your leadership in this role is vital to ensuring that Alberta's communities and businesses, as well as those across the Country, are positioned for long-term prosperity and resilience.

The Southeast Alberta Chamber represents a diverse and resilient business community and as a voice for the business community in Southeast Alberta, we are eager to engage with you on regional economic development priorities. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss our federal policy priorities, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's All-In Plan for Canada, and how it will align with the Government's plans in the 45th Parliamentary session, particularly in key areas applicable to Alberta and the prairie region.

Our key priorities include:

- **Trade Infrastructure:** We support investments in roads, rail, airports, ports, and pipelines to ensure Canadian goods can reach global markets efficiently and reliably.
- **Internal Trade:** We advocate for the removal of interprovincial trade barriers that hinder business growth and competitiveness.
- **Workforce Development:** Addressing labour shortages through immigration reform, skills training, and work integrated learning.
- **Reducing regulatory burdens and costs for business:** Streamlining regulatory processes and costs to accelerate business development and infrastructure projects.
- **Sector Development:** Supporting key Alberta industries such as agriculture, manufacturing, aerospace and defence.
- **Community Preparedness:** Ensuring federal support for communities facing increasing risks from wildfires, floods, drought, and other climate-related challenges.

We believe these priorities are essential to building a more inclusive and competitive Prairie economy and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to explore how PrairiesCan can support these goals in our region.

Please let us know your availability for a meeting in the coming weeks. We are happy to accommodate your schedule and can meet either virtually or in person. Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response and to working together to strengthen Southeast Alberta's economic future.

Sincerely,



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