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Mr. David Bexte, M.P.
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Dear Mr. Bexte,

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

On behalf of the Southeast Alberta Chamber of Commerce, congratulations on your recent election as Member of Parliament for Bow River. Your strong mandate and background in both agriculture and the energy sector position you well to represent the interests of our region in Ottawa.

As part of our ongoing efforts to support economic growth and resilience in Southeast Alberta, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss our federal policy priorities and how they might align with your commitment to “unleashing Alberta’s energy industry,” supporting family farms, and restoring common sense to federal governance.

Key areas of focus for our organization 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 ensuring Southeast Alberta remains competitive and resilient in a rapidly changing economic landscape. As you know, we have more specific policy recommendations around health, agriculture and trade that we would like to discuss and determine strategic alignment to move these priorities forward during the 45th Parliamentary session.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you—virtually or in person—at your convenience. Please let us know your availability in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued service and support. We look forward to your response and to working together to advance the prosperity of our region.

Sincerely,



Steven Pudwell
2024-2025 President, Board of Directors



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Enclosure: [Canadian Chamber of Commerce Letters to Prime Minister Carney and Cabinet](#)