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Assisted Living and Social Services

Office of the Minister

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The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Finance and National Revenue
Government of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Champagne:

In response to your letter sent on March 26, 2026, we are writing to share Alberta's significant concerns with Bill C-26, the *Improving Housing Supply Act*.

While Alberta supports federal funding to address mounting pressure in the housing sector and the federal government's recognition of provincial jurisdiction to allocate these funds in accordance with local needs, Alberta's allocation falls significantly short of what would be expected under a fair, per capita distribution.

Alberta is set to receive only 6.9 per cent of this new federal funding despite making up 12 per cent of Canada's population. This means that Albertans are missing out on almost \$90 million in federal housing funding, had this fund been distributed fairly. A per capita funding allocation would have been the minimum Alberta would have expected in response to the fact that our population growth is outpacing the rest of the country. In 2025, while the Canadian population declined over 100,000, Alberta's grew by about 60,000. Our two largest cities have led Canada in population growth compared to other major Census Metropolitan Areas over the past five years.

This disparity is especially disappointing given Alberta's demonstrated leadership in addressing the housing crisis. In 2025, Alberta accounted for nearly one-quarter of all housing starts nationally and more than 80 per cent of all starts across the Prairies. These results are not accidental, but reflect a sustained commitment to cutting red tape, increasing supply, and responding to affordability pressures. Rather than recognizing and reinforcing this success, the federal allocation appears to penalize Alberta's progress on affordability and housing supply, essentially rewarding less ambitious policies in other parts of the country.

Alberta will use this new funding to build on the momentum of our success in the housing sector, specifically by supporting Alberta municipalities with a proven track record of reducing red tape and producing housing results. We will use this funding to help communities like Red Deer continue to meet their housing needs. We will also ensure that municipalities that have historically been left behind by Ottawa's "one-size-fits-all" housing programs, namely small and rural municipalities, are able to benefit from these funds.

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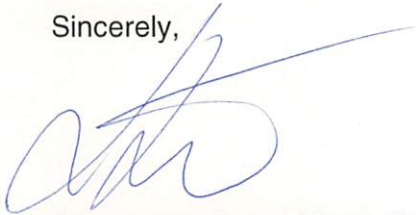
Minister, Albertans are entitled to an equitable share of federal funding. Sadly, the federal government's allocation of this latest fund reinforces a longstanding pattern of Alberta receiving a disproportionately low level of funding from Ottawa. This outcome neither reflects demographic growth realities nor supports nation-leading efforts to increase housing supply. I strongly urge your government to reconsider this misguided decision and take immediate steps to correct this imbalance.

Furthermore, we want to reiterate that while this new funding is appreciated, it does not diminish Alberta's continued requests for the renewal of our existing bilateral affordable housing cost-sharing agreement, which is set to expire in 2028. The federal government must come to the negotiating table to ensure certainty, stability, and a fair partnership moving forward.

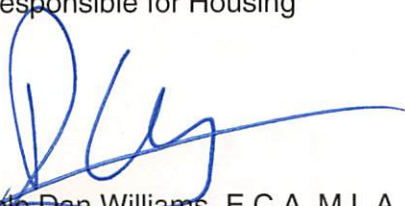
As you are likely aware, Alberta law requires all municipalities to have provincial approval before entering into our amending agreements with the federal government. We recently received several very last-minute requests to approve several Housing Accelerator Fund amendments. While these amendments have been approved, we wish to advise that further amendments which result in the redistribution of funding within Alberta will not be approved without proper and timely consultation with the province.

Alberta is also concerned by the lack of responsiveness from Canada related to Alberta's position on the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund. Alberta has been waiting since late December 2025 for a response in order to move forward on this funding program.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Finance
President of Treasury Board

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