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Assisted Living and Social Services

Office of the Minister

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The Honourable Gregor Robertson, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Housing and Infrastructure
Government of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Robertson:

We are writing to express our significant concern about recent federal decisions around your decision to terminate the City of Red Deer Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) agreement and housing funding allocation decisions.

Under the *Provincial Priorities Act*, the federal government is required to consult with the Alberta government before entering into any direct agreement with a municipality. This principle applies to HAF agreements. As part of this legislation, any amendments to these agreements must also be approved by the province. This rule is in place to ensure that federal funding is allocated fairly across the province.

The decision by the federal government to cancel the HAF agreement with the City of Red Deer is of particular concern. This decision was made without consulting the city or taking into account that other municipalities, such as the City of Toronto, have been provided with significant flexibility over the same criteria that were used to penalize the City of Red Deer.

Alberta has approved increases to the City of Edmonton and the City of Airdrie HAF agreements. However, our province has deep concerns that these funding agreements are being made at the expense of other municipalities and rural communities. Although Alberta has approved these one-time increases to the agreement, we will not sign off on further agreements until the City of Red Deer and other Alberta municipalities are treated fairly and provided the same flexibility that has been afforded other communities in the federal housing agreements.

Albertans deserve fair treatment and per capita funding for federal housing supports. Sadly, the federal government continues to underfund Alberta in housing funding, including through Bill C-26, the *Improving Housing Supply Act* which allocates almost \$90 million less than per capita funding. We encourage your government to reconsider these unfair decisions and ensure that Alberta receives fair treatment and funding for housing.

Sincerely,

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Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services
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Honourable Dan Williams, E.C.A., M.L.A.
Minister of Municipal Affairs

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