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Gentlemen:

Thank you for your June 3, 2008 letter concerning the Land Agent Licensing Amendment Act (Bill 9). As Minister of Employment and Immigration (E&I), I am pleased to respond.

Bill 9, which recently received second reading in the spring session of the Alberta Legislature, proposes to repeal section 1(c)(ii) of the *Land Agents Licensing Act (Act)*, a provision that currently defines a person who, for a fee, gives or offers advice to a landowner in negotiations for or the acquisition of an interest in land, to be a land agent. As you are aware, the disposition of this section of the *Act* has generated considerable interest among Alberta landowners, landowner associations, private industry, and the land agent community.

The spring session of the Legislature has now ended, deferring further reading of Bill 9 to Fall 2008. I assure you that I will give consideration to the points you raise in your letter before Bill 9 is discussed further in the Legislature. Although E&I undertook no formal consultation, the views of landowners, private industry and land agents were known through the many letters and inquiries received on this issue.

Thank you once again for writing.

Sincerely,

Hector Goudreau
Minister of Employment and Immigration
MLA, Dunvegan - Central Peace

cc: All Government MLAs