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Dear Mr. Buzan:

I'd like to thank your association and industry colleagues for taking part in our roundtable discussion on September 21st in Calgary. My Deputy Minister, Coleen Volk, and I found it informative and productive. It was successful in informing our process to find ways to improve the sustainability and competitiveness of our industry moving forward. We heard clearly that attracting capital to our resource companies is critical, and that both costs and certainty go a long way to increasing investment in your sector.

As we discussed at the meeting, our government is currently working and consulting with industry stakeholders on a number of key files, including the implementation of the Modernized Royalty Framework; methane reduction and other aspects of the Climate Leadership Plan; energy diversification and innovation initiatives; well liability management; oil sands lease continuation policy; and others. And, of course, we continue to advocate for improved market access for Alberta's oil and gas resources. These are all important issues to industry, to the government of Alberta, and to Albertans in general.

In addition to the issues listed above, we want to work with your association and members to identify additional opportunities to support a strong energy sector in Alberta.

I am asking for your advice, and for your members' advice, on identifying issues or areas where the Department of Energy can improve efficiencies, reduce unnecessary barriers or processes, and generally make things work better. This could include operational rules that no longer make sense in light of new business practices, or other policy or regulations that need to be improved. You may identify relatively small irritants that we can look to address, and we know there are always areas where government, like any large organization, can streamline how we operate.

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To this end, we ask you to circulate this letter to your membership, asking for their input and advice. Respondents can either:

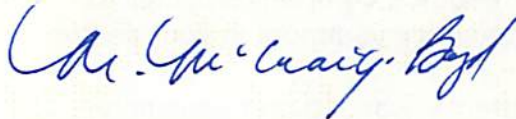
1. Submit their advice directly to the Energy Department via Craig Watt at craig.watt@gov.ab.ca, or
2. Work with you as their representative association to compile their responses and submit them to Craig Watt.

All submissions should be received by Monday, November 7.

Once we have received input and ideas from associations, companies, and individuals, we will assess them and identify opportunities and resources required, and reconvene with the association representatives to discuss next steps.

Thank you for the work you and your colleagues do to build and sustain Alberta's energy sector.

Sincerely,



Margaret McCuaig-Boyd
Minister