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Hon. Leona Aglukkaq
Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Minister Aglukkaq:

Our federation of 124 chambers of commerce in Alberta recently held our annual provincial conference, which included a policy session that saw delegates approve 30 new policies. Two of these policies relate directly to your department.

One policy is entitled *Creating a new pharmaceutical industry in Alberta – The thebaine opportunity*. This interesting policy seeks permission from the Minister of Health for farmers to grow the non-narcotic thebaine poppy, which can be used to produce prescription drugs.

Our other health policy is called *Better health care*. This policy makes recommendations for changing the *Canada Health Act* to give provinces more flexibility in funding and delivering health care.

Our federation would appreciate learning the Government of Canada's position on both of our new policies, which are enclosed in this correspondence.

We look forward to hearing from you,



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Chair



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Enclosures