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Hon. Thomas Lukaszuk  
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Minister Lukaszuk:

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) recently held our 2010 Provincial Conference where delegates approved 30 new policies for inclusion in our three-year policy book. Three of these policies related directly to your department. The following are summaries of them:

*A legislative response to alternative work arrangements* – With many employers moving towards alternative work environments, we are asking the Government of Alberta to update its labour legislation to ensure the right balance exists between an employer's ability to control a work environment and an employee's non-working time.

*Development of Alberta's workforce* – This policy seeks comprehensive and proactive literacy programs for workers.

*Provide simplified small business training support regarding the Agreement on Internal Trade and the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement* – This policy asks your department to further capitalize on the positive steps taken toward labour mobility in Canada by providing easily accessible tools for employers and employees.

ACC has a number of other previously approved employment and immigration policies. They are the following:

- *Expanding destination sites in Alberta*
- *Fully utilizing the skills and talents of immigrants in Alberta*
- *Proposed amendments to the Alberta Labour Relations Code*
- *First contract arbitration*
- *Reconciling legislative ambiguities with respect to employer alcohol and drug policies*

All of our employment and immigration are enclosed in this correspondence.

We are seeking written responses from your ministry on these policies by mid-August, as that timeline allows us to report to our members. We will also post the responses on our website.

ACC would appreciate scheduling a meeting with you to discuss our policies, as well as issues of particular interest to you.

We look forward to hearing from you,



Kay Olsen, MA  
Chair



Ken Kobly, FCGA  
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Enclosures

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