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Hon. Rob Renner
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Minister Renner:

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) recently held our 2010 Provincial Conference where delegates from our federation of 124 chambers of commerce approved 30 new policies for inclusion in our three-year policy book. Two of these policies relate directly to Alberta Environment. The following are summaries of them:

Zero waste – This policy seeks to encourage “zero waste” practices in the business realm. The government’s role would involve promoting resource recovery by setting new targets for recycling and composting. We would also like to see a shift from the priority on the technology of disposal to people-centred recovery.

Regulatory approval for soil and water technologies – This policy asks the Alberta Government to work to align municipal, provincial and federal regulatory systems in the environmental sector, while also ensuring regulations are fair and realistic.

ACC has a number of other previously approved environment policies in our policy book. They are the following:

- *Solid carbon fuels – Building a future through technology*
- *Greenhouse gases and air pollutants*
- *Agriculture can help Canada meet its greenhouse gas targets*
- *Water for Sustainability – An Alberta water strategy*

All of our environment policies are enclosed in this correspondence.

We are seeking written responses from your ministry on our 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 also 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,



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Chair



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