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His Worship Barry Morishita
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Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)
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Dear Mayor Morishita:

Thank you for your letter of January 8, 2018, regarding AUMA Resolution 2017.B7 on Combative Sports.

As you are aware, the legislative authority for combative sports in Alberta continues to reside within the *Municipal Government Act* and any decision to take the ability to regulate away from local governments needs to be weighed very carefully and done in a collaborative way with our municipal partners. Nonetheless, we recognize the importance of this issue for your membership and are working with other government ministries, sports organizations and municipalities to ensure that Albertans feel protected and safe when participating in any sporting event.

Representatives from Culture and Tourism will reach out with more information as it becomes available.

Best Regards,

Ricardo Miranda
Minister