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Mr. Barry Morishita
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Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)
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Dear Mr. Morishita:

Thank you for your letter of October 2, 2019, regarding the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association's (AUMA) 2017 resolution requesting the provincial regulation of combative sports.

As you are aware, while some Alberta municipalities are asking for provincial intervention in combative sports, others have expressed satisfaction with the current regulatory framework. I want to better understand the different municipal perspectives before moving toward regulatory intervention.

I have also recently received a letter from the mayors of Calgary, Edmonton, and Red Deer on this matter, and met with Mayors Iveson and Veer just prior to this year's AUMA conference to discuss their perspectives on the current regulatory framework for combative sports in Alberta. We discussed potential ways in which the Government of Alberta could work with municipalities to ensure combative sports athletes in Alberta are competing in a safe and consistent environment. You may wish to connect with Mayors Iveson, Veer, or Nenshi for further context about that meeting, next steps, and potential connections with the 2017 AUMA resolution referred to in your letter.

I look forward to continuing the dialogue with municipalities to better understand issues inherent to Alberta's current regulatory framework and, in particular, contrasting municipal perspectives, given the lack of consensus on the issue.

Sincerely,

Leela Sharon Aheer
Minister

cc: Honourable Kaycee Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs
His Worship Naheed Nenshi, Mayor, City of Calgary
His Worship Don Iveson, Mayor, City of Edmonton
Her Worship Tara Veer, Mayor, City of Red Deer

