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**Ms. Lisa Holmes, President
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Dear Ms. Holmes:

Thank you for your letter and recommendations for a mechanism to track emissions and identify opportunities for future emissions reductions. I have consulted with my colleague Honourable Shaye Anderson and welcome the opportunity to respond.

The Government of Alberta appreciates the strong partnership it maintains with the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association in jointly addressing climate change. We are committed to the Climate Leadership Plan and the carbon levy as the primary mechanism to drive provincial-wide emissions reductions. Our plan allows the Alberta government to invest in municipal infrastructure priorities through programs like the Green Infrastructure Fund and Municipal Green Initiatives Fund.

Mr. Bob Savage, Assistant Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental, Communications, and Engagement, would be pleased to meet with senior officials from your organization to discuss your proposal in further detail. His office will be in touch to schedule a meeting in the near future. You can reach Bob at robert.savage@gov.ab.ca or by phone at 780-644-4918 (dial 310-0000 for a toll-free connection).

This is an exciting time, because we have the opportunity to take a fresh and forward-looking approach to ensure we are building the best Alberta for future generations. I appreciate your perspective and co-operation on these important matters.

Sincerely,

**Shannon Phillips
Minister**

**cc: Honourable Shaye Anderson
Minister of Municipal Affairs**

**Bob Savage
Alberta Climate Change Office**