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Honourable Alison Redford,

The Trans Equality Society of Alberta (TESA) would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation at your government's reinstatement of funding for Gender Reassignment/Sexual Reassignment Surgery (GRS/SRS). This decision has positively impacted the lives of many trans-identified Albertans. We would also like to voice our appreciation for including our President, Brianne Langille, in your list of contacts when discussing alterations to the Alberta Human Rights Act, specifically for the inclusion of gender identity and gender expression. As you know, including affected parties when changing legislation is very important when it comes to accuracy, clarity, and acceptance.

We would also like to request some of your time to discuss some of the other issues facing trans-identified Albertans today. These include, but are not limited to, obtaining congruent identification, shelter access and housing, and incarceration in unsafe situations.

TESA's mission is to be a witness to and voice for matters concerning trans-identified Albertans, to that end we are looking forward to working with you to resolve these outstanding issues.

Regards,
TRANS EQUALITY SOCIETY of ALBERTA

[signed]

cc. John Hampson - Special Assistant to the Premiere, Honourable Fred Horne - Minister of Health, Honourable Manmeet Bhullar - Minister of Service Alberta, Honourable Johnathon Denis - Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Honourable David Hancock - Minister of Human Services.

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