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Honourable Fred Horne,

The Trans Equality Society of Alberta (TESA) would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation at the provincial 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. TESA's mission is to be a witness to and voice for matters concerning trans-identified Albertans. Representatives of TESA would like meet with you to discuss some of the other issues facing trans-identified Albertans that fall within the Ministry of Health's mandate.

These issues include, but are not limited to, the significant lack of gender specialists in the province, some of the current protocol and language surrounding access to final stage GRS and the struggles with accessibility to routine healthcare experienced by many trans Albertans.

As you are aware, including affected parties in the consultation process helps lead to accuracy and clarity within the legislative changes and greater acceptance and understanding of those changes once implemented. We look forward to meeting with you at a mutually convenient time and working in with you in this capacity.

Regards,
TRANS EQUALITY SOCIETY of ALBERTA

[signed]

cc: Honourable Alison Redford - Premier

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