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Honourable Brian Mason
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Dear Minister Mason,

I am writing to express my appreciation for your recent announcement that you will not launch any new public-private partnerships pending a decision by executive council on their continued use. This decision, along with your statement that "we're likely to go in another direction going forward," is most encouraging and much appreciated.

Public Interest Alberta was established largely to advocate for strong public services and public institutions, and we have long been active in opposing the encouragement and mandating of P3s by various levels of government.

That is why we are particularly pleased with your recent public statements on the problems of P3s and the need to "get the best deal, both short-term and long-term, for taxpayers," as well as the decision not to proceed with the "design-build and operate model" at the present time.

We have also appreciated the strong commitment of your government and you as minister to the importance of building public infrastructure and strengthening our public institutions in these challenging times.

Best wishes in your further efforts in these important areas.

Sincerely,

Larry Booi, Board Chair
Public Interest Alberta