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Dear Mr. Weaver

Re: Provincial housing ministry

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, congratulations and thank you for your party's hard work in the recent provincial election.

Throughout the campaign period, housing was a significant topic of concern. British Columbia remains an expensive place to live for both homeowners and renters, and many people are struggling to find or keep appropriate, affordable housing that meets their needs. Given this context, the next government's cabinet decisions regarding housing are extremely important.

As organizations concerned with real estate and development policy and planning, we urge the next government to establish a dedicated Ministry of Housing. Housing issues are intricate and broad, ranging from industry regulations to taxation policies to working with local governments on development processes. Since housing is such a critical issue, a ministry devoted solely to housing would be best equipped to tackle these complex challenges in an efficient, coordinated and effective manner. The ministry should also coordinate and collaborate strategically with the ministries responsible for transportation and local government matters. This approach would benefit the industries we represent, as well as consumers, through an increased supply of housing and better access to timely, efficient information and support.

Thank you again for your party's work. Should you wish to discuss this recommendation further, please contact us at the information provided below.

Sincerely,

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