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Honourable Gordon Wyant, Q.C.
Minister Responsible for SaskBuilds
Room 355, Legislative Building
2405 Legislative Drive
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September 29, 2015

Dear Minister Wyant,

I am writing today to thank you, and the Government of Saskatchewan, for the ongoing commitment to meaningful engagement and consultation with respect to the policy directions being recommended by Priority Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Construction Association (SCA) has been pleased to be part of a coalition of industry organizations that have been active in working with the province on the important issue of procurement improvement. We strongly support the provincial government's mandate of ensuring that Saskatchewan businesses are treated fairly when engaging in provincial procurement opportunities.

In the month of September, the SCA participated in two embargoed consultation sessions with Priority Saskatchewan that occurred at your direction. We were able to provide direct and unfiltered feedback on the policy plans related to the 13 recommendations of the Procurement Action Plan. The consultation process was collaborative and engaging, and I want to take this moment to thank you and your officials for working with us and others in a meaningful way.

Based on the information we have had the opportunity to review to date, we can offer our support for the recommendations coming from Priority Saskatchewan. While there is still much work to do with respect to the implementation of these policies, there is little doubt that the recommended policies are headed in the right direction. We would encourage the adoption of these policies and the continued direction to work with industry to develop and implement procurement policies that provide the best value for taxpayers.

On behalf of our members across Saskatchewan, the SCA stands ready to continue engaging with provincial officials on the topic of procurement improvement. We strongly recommend a continued approach to engagement that includes direct industry engagement in the development and implementation of policy.

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In closing, thank you for your leadership on this critical file. Priority Saskatchewan is showing the kind of leadership and commitment that this kind of transformation will require. The SCA will support this work in whatever manner we can, and we look forward to the continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Cooper", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark Cooper, MBA, PMP
President and CEO

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