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The Honourable Gordon Wyant  
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Dear Minister Wyant,

**Re: Priority Saskatchewan Policy Document Review**

Thank you for your effort and that of others in the Saskatchewan government in developing the goals of Priority Saskatchewan into policy documents and proposed effective actions. These suggested policies are extremely important to our province's industrial suppliers and will help in developing a level playing field across jurisdictions while providing best value to the people of Saskatchewan.

We believe low price is important, as it relates to the total value proposition. Assessment of value through supplier capabilities will include local knowledge, quality, past performance, etc. Therefore, removal of the "lowest price procurement policy" from existing legislation and incorporating these other value considerations is an important step.

We applaud you and your team at Priority Saskatchewan for carefully reviewing and developing a procurement policy to honor our interprovincial trade agreements, yet with the focus to insure Saskatchewan companies have every opportunity to succeed and contribute to building a strong "**HAVE PROVINCE**", Saskatchewan.

Going forward, communication and training throughout the government procurement systems are crucial to effectively implementing these measures. As well, considering their legislative and financial links to the Province, the “M.A.S.H.” sectors need to be part of the implementation.

The Saskatchewan Industrial & Mining Suppliers Association and its members support the Priority Saskatchewan initiative and, although wishing to be consulted as the process continues, do not want to slow the pace of development and implementation. We appreciate the extensive work that you and SaskBuilds staff have already done in progressing this file and are pleased to continue to support this initiative.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Alun Richards'.

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