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Honourable Irfan Sabir
Minister
Office of the Minister
Human Services
402 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Sabir,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and membership of the Alberta Council of Disability Services (ACDS), please accept our congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Human Services, including the Persons with Disabilities portfolio. This Ministry provides services which are critical to ensuring that Albertans are able to remain and participate in strong communities with dignity at all stages of their lives. Our members represent Community Disability Services Service Providers with a rich history of leading edge practices in community-based supports for individuals and families with disabilities.

ACDS is the umbrella Association that represents service providers supporting vulnerable Albertans receiving Disability supports to live safely and with dignity in their communities. Our Board is pleased to extend our commitment to work with you and support you to ensure that Albertans can count on viable innovative mandated disability services and programs.

ACDS has a long history of very positive and collaborative relationships with our Ministers and Ministry administration. ACDS represents 130 organizations across the province that provide community-based supports to over 80% of the individuals mandated to receive services from PDD, Brain Injury, FASD, and FSCD divisions within the Human Services Ministry, and other disability services for children and adults within the Health, Justice and Seniors Ministries. These community agencies and their 17,000 staff have supported vulnerable Albertans to live safely and with dignity in their communities and quality of life outcomes for over 35 years.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how ACDS can support you as you enter into this new role. Our resources and time are available to you in whatever capacity would best fit your needs. Please contact our office (Alison Long (403) 250-9495 ext. 239 or via email to alison@acds.ca) at your earliest convenience to set a meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen Ficocelli'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Helen Ficocelli
President,
ACDS Board of Directors

Our Mission is to Lead, Support and Influence Community Disability Services, through Education, Partnerships and Accreditation.