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Honourable Rachel Notley  
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Dear Premier Notley,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and membership of the Alberta Council of Disability Services (ACDS), please accept our congratulations on your election to the 29<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly of Alberta!

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 represents 130 organizations across the province that provide community-based supports to over 80% of the individuals supported 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 30 years.

As you move into your new roles, you'll be contacted by ACDS and our members who reside and work in your ridings around the province, to share our vision of Community Disability Services for the years ahead. In a sector as large and complex as ours we welcome the opportunity to partner with you to see our joint vision of an inclusive and well supported disability sector.

Please take the time to celebrate what you've accomplished. We wish you all the best through this transition period and we look forward to working with you.

Kind Regards,

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

Helen Ficocelli  
President

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