



October 12, 2022

The Honorable Danielle Smith

Office of the Premier
307 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Premier Smith,

On behalf of ALIGN and its members, I want to extend my congratulations on being elected as Premier of Alberta. Thank you for our meeting early in your campaign where we discussed the state of child wellbeing and the need to support vulnerable Albertans, more now than ever.

This is a critical time for Alberta's government leaders to get the economy back on track. We urge you to consider some of our conversation in your deliberations.

Specifically:

- A focus on the people whom your government has a mandate to care for, the child welfare sector and the disabilities sector, have been neglected for far too long and the community agencies that care for them are at a crisis point;
- Government and nonprofit expertise and collaboration have seen a decline in the last 4 years. The people working in the field have expertise, are well educated, and are exiting the sector quickly. We need to stop this dynamic. We encourage your government to engage the sector in true collaboration to assist in supporting the vulnerable people in Alberta.

We would welcome an opportunity to personally connect with your team to discuss our ability to develop and grow a sustainable non-profit sector and community support services that cares for vulnerable Albertans. Once named, we will be reaching out to your new Cabinet Ministers, who are responsible for this sector.

Once again, congratulations on your election victory. I look forward to continuing our work with you and your government moving forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda Barraclough". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rhonda Barraclough
Executive Director