His Worship Barry Morishita Mayor, City of Brooks President, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association <u>president@auma.ca</u>

Dear Mayor Morishita:

Thank you for your letter and copy of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association's 2019 resolution regarding possible legislative amendments to the *Mobile Home Sites Tenancies Act* (MHSTA). I appreciate your suggestions to improve the legislation by expanding the Residential Tenancy Dispute Resolution Service to hear disputes relating to mobile home sites, and to address economic evictions. As the Minister of Service Alberta, I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The MHSTA applies to people who own a mobile home and rent the mobile home site from a landlord. The MHSTA sets out the rights and responsibilities that apply to these tenancies, and is intended to protect the interests of both tenants and landlords.

The relationship between tenants and landlords of mobile home sites is complicated, involving several Government of Alberta ministries and other levels of government. As such, conflicts between landlords and tenants are often challenging.

The Government of Alberta will continue to analyze this issue as we develop options for an appropriate role for government to play in a fair and equitable relationship between tenants and landlords. We remain committed to hearing concerns as we work with other government officials to determine the best path forward.

We want Alberta to be the best place to live, work, and raise a family, and that is why I spent considerable time during the summer touring Alberta to meet with mobile home community residents first hand to discuss concerns they had with the MHSTA. Something I was very surprised had never been done by my predecessors. I am diligently considering that feedback with my department on next steps. I encourage residents to continue submitting their concerns and suggestions to Service Alberta by email at <u>rta@gov.ab.ca</u>

The Government of Alberta values our relationships with our municipal government partners, and would like to thank the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association for sharing their concerns and suggestions for improvements to the MHSTA.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Honourable Nate Glubish Minister of Service Alberta

cc: Honourable Kaycee Madu

Minister of Municipal Affairs

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