Dear candidate:

As a voter in your riding, I believe in a prosperous Alberta; a province strongest when business and government work together. That is why the 2019 election arrives at such a pivotal moment.

When our province heads to the polls, I will vote for the candidate who is best suited to support the future prosperity of Alberta. That is why I am encouraging you to lend your support to Vote Prosperity, an initiative of the chambers of commerce in communities across Alberta.

Since 2015, the Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) has observed a dramatic decline in overall business confidence in the economy. Businesses create local jobs and increase economic growth across the province – but they require the support of sound policy from government to thrive.

Vote Prosperity contains 17 recommendations that will help bolster Alberta’s long-term economic outcomes while addressing the pressing issues of today. These recommendations are built on four fundamental pillars to support a strong economy in Alberta:

**1. Strengthening Business Competitiveness**

The mounting costs layered onto the backs of business by government policy is the single greatest challenge to Alberta’s business competitiveness and shared prosperity. These layered costs have resulted from a lack of consideration of the effects of policy on job creators. Vote Prosperity’s recommendations will strengthen business competitiveness by reducing the cost burden on businesses.

**2. Growing Provincial Trade**

Over 85% of Alberta’s exports are destined for markets in the United States. While previous governments have agreed we need to get our goods and services to new markets, barriers continue to exist. Creating infrastructure and overcoming regulatory and jurisdictional barriers to the movement and sale of Alberta’s goods must be a priority to achieve expanding prosperity.

**3. Building Healthy Communities**

Businesses are better able to create jobs and new opportunities for everyone when they are rooted in vibrant, healthy communities. We can support this environment by preparing students for the jobs of tomorrow and ensuring our health care system delivers the best service possible. Our core infrastructure –roads, water systems, and public transit – must also be well maintained to keep up with growth.

**4. Improving Government Accountability**

Running our provincial budget with consistent deficits is scaring away private investors, limiting our ability to build infrastructure, and compromising our capacity to weather future economic slowdowns. We need to make some tough decisions that involve talking with all Albertans about what we are willing to pay and spend our money on. It also involves stopping the growth of our debt immediately.

If successful in this election, you will be granted the privilege of helping to shape Alberta’s future on behalf of our community. As my candidate, I ask of you three things:

1. Read [Vote Prosperity](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/e94c19_cd960beb27b842a1a63b51ba0f17d2e7.pdf).

2. Consult with your local chamber of commerce regarding its recommendations.

3. Prioritize these issues throughout the election, both in your riding and within your party.

To ensure Alberta’s economy has a strong foundation we must support those policies that foster competitiveness, growth, and accountability. Join us in supporting a government that delivers prosperity for all Albertans.

Sincerely,