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June 1, 2020

Mr. Barry Morishita  
President  
Alberta Urban Municipalities Association  
300, 8616 - 51 Avenue  
Edmonton AB T6E 6E6

Dear Mr. Morishita:

Thank you for your April 3, 2020 letter regarding delaying the implementation of the police funding model until 2021/22. I appreciate the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association's (AUMA) continued support for a new policing funding model.

I recognize how difficult the current economic climate is for municipalities and for all Albertans. No decisions will be made on deferring police funding model invoicing until the COVID-19 crisis has passed and government can undertake a thorough assessment of impacts. Municipalities will be made aware of any decisions when they are available.

Your suggestion to only invoice a portion of policing costs based on how many RCMP vacancies have been filled to-date is noted. However, based on the intent of the model, it is not possible to collect funds at the time of the increase of RCMP staffing as the funding model is intended to fund the increase in the positions and is needed in advance to procure these resources.

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Thank you for your sharing your concerns with me. If anything changes regarding the implementation of the police funding model, the AUMA will be made aware as soon as possible.  
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Doug Schweitzer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Doug Schweitzer, Q.C.  
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General

cc: Honourable Travis Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance  
Honourable Kaycee Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Al Kemmere, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta