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Re: Support for Calgary's Fieldhouse Project

Dear Minister Guthrie,

We write on behalf of the Calgary Construction Association to express our strong support for the proposed Fieldhouse Development in Calgary, Alberta. As a prominent voice within the construction industry in Calgary, we firmly believe that this project represents a significant opportunity for both Calgary and the province.

We are pleased to acknowledge that the City of Calgary has already taken the initiative to dedicate funds to this essential project, recognizing the numerous benefits it will bring to our community. Our hope and request are that the Government of Alberta considers joining forces with the City of Calgary in supporting this endeavor and realizing the importance of this endeavor. We believe that Fieldhouse Development aligns with several key priorities, including infrastructure development, community well-being, and economic growth, making it a worthwhile investment for our province.

We strongly support this project for the following reasons:

1. **Economic Impact on the Construction Industry:** From a construction perspective, our belief is that projects like this will without any doubt create jobs and spur economic activity in Calgary. Oftentimes, projects like the proposed Fieldhouse development are massive undertakings that will see hundreds of millions of dollars invested in the construction industry. We think of the subsections of the design and build industry that will be involved: architects, engineers, estimators, electricians, cement truck operators, sheet metal workers, drywallers, tapers, painters – the list goes on.
2. **Follow-on investment:** We believe that the Fieldhouse will without any doubt be the anchor project for the overall Foothills Area Redevelopment Plan. If you may recall, the Foothills Area Redevelopment Plan is a conceptual plan that calls on

the transformation of the Foothills area into a vibrant community that would include new athletic facilities, thousands of new residential units, commercial and retail space, and more. As representatives of the construction industry, we see the importance of the Fieldhouse as an anchor and are confident that it will lead to follow-on development that will create work for our industry for years to come.

- 3. Community Amenities:** Building a Fieldhouse in Calgary will strengthen our sense of community and bring people together. We believe that strong civic amenities, such as fieldhouses and recreation centers, are an important component to attract and retain Calgarians and newcomers alike. The development of this project can add to our civic fabric, stimulate economic growth, and provide a place for Calgarians to exercise, socialize and relax – and dare we say, live, work and play.

We understand the significant financial commitments required for such a project, but we firmly believe that the benefits far outweigh the costs. By supporting Fieldhouse Development, the Government of Alberta can make a lasting and positive impact on the lives of its citizens.

In closing, we urge you to consider our request for the Government of Alberta to collaborate with the City of Calgary in funding the Fieldhouse Development. This project exemplifies the kind of forward-thinking and community-focused initiatives that will define our province's future.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to discuss this matter further and to contribute our industry's expertise to the successful realization of Fieldhouse Development.

Sincerely,

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