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Dear Mr. Dahms:

Thank you for providing us with the Procurement Advisory Table's (PAT) Final Report and Recommendations. We have considered the report and are pleased to respond. We appreciate your patience over the past few months as we focused on establishing the new Ministries of Community and Social Services and Children's Services. We will be posting the report shortly on [humanservices.alberta.ca/departement/procurement-advisory-table.html](http://humanservices.alberta.ca/departement/procurement-advisory-table.html).

On behalf of our two ministries, we want to recognize and express our gratitude to you and all members of the PAT for your collective commitment and efforts to this project. You should be proud of the work you have done together. You have put forward a thoughtful and valuable report to help guide future contracting approaches and relationships between our two ministries and service providers, with the ultimate goal of improving services for Albertans.

We broadly support the report's three themes: maximizing value for investment and streamlining processes; strengthening relationships and creating space to collaborate; and supporting open, fair and transparent service acquisition. We agree with many of the findings, including the need for reliable data to inform decisions, the goal to streamline reporting, the desire to explore potential new funding models and the importance of using open, fair and transparent service acquisition practices.

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Your advice will guide our departments as we work with stakeholders to ensure we develop and use the right contracting approaches moving forward. In all contracting matters, our government will continue to promote client choice and ensure Albertans have access to a range of quality service providers who they trust. We know these same principles are important to service providers, individuals and families as well.

Thank you for your dedication as members of the Procurement Advisory Table, and for your ongoing commitment to serving Albertans.

Sincerely,

original signed by:

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**Minister**