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RE: Support for Calgary Airport to Downtown Rail Connection (CABR)

Honourable Premier Smith and Minister Dreeshen,

I am composing this letter as the Chair of the Real Estate Sector Advisory Committee for the City of Calgary. The establishment of a direct link between the Calgary International Airport and downtown Calgary is an obvious and essential initiative. The convenience of landing and seamlessly boarding a train with the assurance of reaching downtown within a specific timeframe not only instills confidence in residents, tourists, and business individuals but also enhances the efficiency and safety of travel. This initiative carries the added advantage of alleviating road traffic and parking congestion. Furthermore, it brings about various positive economic impacts for the hospitality and tourism sectors and makes Calgary more competitive with respect to talent attraction.

You only have “one opportunity to make a first impression” and the airport to downtown rail link would lift Calgary’s stature as an international metropolitan to the level of cities like Vancouver, Paris or London.

Yours sincerely,



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