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Her Worship Jackie Clayton
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Dear Mayor Clayton:

The Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta forwarded me your letter regarding trade barriers and Alberta's forest industry. As Minister of Forestry and Parks, I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

In February, Premier Smith, alongside all Canadian premiers met with key American political leaders to advocate for strong Canada-U.S. relations. These discussions focused on shared priorities, including jobs, the economy, energy, critical minerals, supply chains, border security, and immigration. Alberta representatives in the U.S. continue to emphasize the importance of forest product exports to the U.S. economy and consumers. I recently visited Texas with representatives from the Alberta Forest Products Association to further advocate for the sector and highlight these key priorities.

The Government of Alberta remains committed to supporting a predictable, secure market for our forest industry. I recognize the industry's vital role in forestry centres such as Grande Prairie. This is why I will ensure forest products are strongly represented in the government's tariff advocacy and response efforts.

My ministry is actively investigating the feasibility of response actions to support the sector and remain in close contact with the Alberta Forest Products Association. While the timing and extent of tariffs remain uncertain, the Government of Alberta continues to advance red tape reduction, market diversification, and transportation network enhancement to maintain the competitiveness of our industry.

Abroad, the joint government-industry forestry mission to Japan in November 2024 reflected my ministry's commitment to emphasizing market diversification, helping to build resilience during challenging times.

I value the city of Grande Prairie's engagement on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Honourable Todd Loewen
Minister
Forestry and Parks