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Dear Minister Shandro:

RE: COVID Vaccinations for Construction Workers

Our associations represent nearly 2500 contractors and suppliers across Alberta. Alberta's construction industry provides jobs on construction jobsites for one in 10 working Albertans, with thousands of additional employees in related managerial, design, and manufacturing occupations. Our member firms have been proactive since the onset of COVID, sharing best practices and implementing protocols which have allowed construction to operate safely all through the pandemic.

With the emergence of variants which target young people, a predominant demographic on our jobsites and among our office personnel, further actions are warranted. Our member firms are tightening their protocols. Our associations are partnering with Alberta Health Services in an industry-wide webinar mid-May to equip employers with the latest information. Our members are urging their staff to be vaccinated as soon as vaccine is available.

Please assist us in keeping our workers safe, and in keeping our industry as a key engine of economic recovery in building essential infrastructure. We ask that as sufficient quantities of vaccine become available, priority for construction employees along with other essential occupations ahead of the general public.

We look forward to your earliest response to protect our people, their families and our economy.

Sincerely

Leon Gullickson
Chair