

## Keep Alberta Strong

The Honourable Jason Kenney, MLA  
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Dear Premier Kenny:

As we outlined in our August 16, 2019 letter, we are a group of organizations and community members across Alberta that advocate for vulnerable Albertans under the banner **Keep Alberta Strong**. Over the past 9 months, announcements from the Alberta Government have had significant negative impacts on those Alberta citizens.

Our concerns remain the same as we outlined in that letter:

- the effectiveness of the Alberta Child Benefit
- affordable transportation
- the impact of Family and Community Services funding
- the effectiveness of affordable quality childcare in ensuring women are able to remain in the workplace
- the importance of social assistance rates on the quality of life for those who need it; and
- affordable housing

**Keep Alberta Strong** hopes that the upcoming 2020/21 budget addresses our concerns. We will review the budget to ensure that programs and adequate financial support reflect

- Engagement of the those directly affected by policy and financial changes: “Nothing about us Without us”
- Increased investment in the ‘early years’ for all children and families
- Adequate and timely mental health services and addictions support
- Income programs and services that guarantee that Albertans with the ‘least’ income/assets move out of poverty
- A respect for the rights and dignity of all Albertans
- Affordable transportation across our province
- Increasing the amount of affordable housing

Earlier studies have shown that the cost of poverty in Alberta is in the range of \$9 billion per year. Thus **Keep Alberta Strong** is offering to work with you and your government to find effective solutions that align with your priorities and goals while easing the burden and trauma of Albertans most in need.

Sincerely,

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