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Margaret Pfoh  
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Dear Margaret Pfoh:

Thank you for your email and enclosed draft of a proposed Relationship Protocol Agreement between the Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA) and the Province of British Columbia.

I appreciate AHMA's commitment to deepening its relationship with the Province and your work to establish extensive ties with Indigenous housing providers across British Columbia. Through these relationships, AHMA has developed an understanding of diverse Indigenous housing needs in rural, remote and urban settings, as well as gaps in the government's existing housing programs and projects. AHMA's work and perspective are of value to me, and the Province.

As discussed at our meeting on March 9, there is significant opportunity for AHMA, the First Nations Leadership Council and other partners to work together to lay out a new relationship regarding housing. As you know, the B.C. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act was passed last year to create a path forward that respects the human rights of Indigenous peoples while introducing better transparency and predictability in the work we do together. A core component of this work is a responsibility for the Province to engage with Indigenous Peoples across B.C. on a government-to-government basis. It would be inappropriate of us to sign a new agreement at this time, as there are important discussions to be had about how we move forward together to ensure safe, secure, appropriate and affordable housing for Indigenous peoples both on- and off-Nation.

While the emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been our primary focus for the last several months, we are continuing to move forward on delivering housing for people. I would welcome an opportunity to connect in the coming weeks and my office will be in touch to schedule a meeting.

Thank you for writing, and for working with us to strengthen communication and collaboration.

Sincerely,

Selina Robinson  
Minister