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Dear Art Kaehn and Gerry Thiessen:

Thank you to you and your delegations for taking the time to meet with me at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Annual Convention. Since I became Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training, I have truly appreciated the opportunities to meet with community representatives across BC to hear about matters that are of importance to their regions.

I am grateful to hear about your dedication to bringing high quality and responsive veterinary care to your region.

Deputy Minister Shannon Baskerville (email: [AEST.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:AEST.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca)) will follow-up with University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) President Geoffrey Payne on how the Ministry can support UNBC to explore a Veterinary Medicine Program under a distributed training model. Assistant Deputy Minister Nicola Lemmer (email: [AEST.ADMPost-SecondaryPolicyandPrgms@gov.bc.ca](mailto:AEST.ADMPost-SecondaryPolicyandPrgms@gov.bc.ca)) will connect with the district leads Mark Parker and Lara Beckett and the Society of BC Veterinarians to set up a joint meeting to discuss this further.

I hope you and members of your delegation enjoyed a successful Convention, and I look forward to continuing our work together in the year ahead.

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Sincerely,



Honourable Anne Kang  
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