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Dear Mr. Holmes and Co-signers:

Thank you for your letter to The Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the University of British Columbia (UBC) Neighbourhood Fire Services Contribution Agreement. I am pleased to reply on behalf of the Minister. I apologize for the delay in responding.

I understand that the University Endowment Lands (UEL) and UBC's neighbourhood areas face unique and complex tax environments that have created challenges for each respective community. I also acknowledge that the UEL structure is different from UBC's neighbourhood areas, as the UEL is under the *University Endowment Lands Act*. While UBC and the UEL are neighbours, it is important to note that they are two distinct structures operating in different legal, governance, administrative and fiscal environments.

I have noted your concerns regarding the differences in the way that residents of the UEL and the UBC neighbourhood areas are taxed. As you may know, last year, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH) undertook the UEL Community Information Initiative to share information between residents and governments, and during this Initiative, a fact sheet on the general topic of taxation was made available. Your feedback will continue to be noted on UEL taxation-related issues that may arise in the future.

Thank you for sharing your perspectives on this issue. The Minister has considered the position of the UBC Neighbourhoods Taxation Working Group and previously provided a detailed response. I regret the Minister is not able to meet to discuss this matter further. I assure you the Province of British Columbia and UBC will continue to work together to ensure that UBC's neighbourhood areas are provided with appropriate and reliable services that meet community needs.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

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