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Dear Candidate,

On behalf of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM, I wish to provide you with a copy of our local government priorities for the provincial election, *Stretched To The Limit*.

Local governments are providing more and more public services in areas of provincial responsibility without a corresponding growth in revenue. They are increasingly stepping up to meet the needs of a growing population when faced with gaps in provincial services and costly new legislative requirements in the areas of housing, infrastructure, community safety and climate action.

Stretched To The Limit highlights the cost pressures local governments face due to gaps in provincial services, new housing mandates, and new responsibilities for emergency management. It calls on the next provincial government to respond to these issues through increased provincial transfers to local governments including:

- Providing \$650 million in additional infrastructure funding annually;
- Transferring an annual percentage from the Provincial Property Transfer Tax to support local efforts in subsidizing affordable housing supply and homelessness responses; and
- Transferring an annual percentage of the growth in the provincial carbon tax to support local climate action projects and emergency management planning and responses.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of these priorities, and wish you the best of luck in your candidacy.

Please feel free to contact me directly, or Jared Wright, Director of Advocacy and Government Relations, at ubcm@ubcm.ca with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Trish Mandewo, UBCM President