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Attention: Mrs. Else Pedersen, President

Dear Else,

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letter regarding oil and gas rights in Alberta.

As this is an issue I am not familiar with I have forwarded your concerns to the Department of Energy for clarification. With the recent election and the shuffling of Cabinet Ministers to their new offices there will unfortunately be a delay in the response. My office has been back and forth several times with the department of Energy and have now been informed that a response will be forthcoming after Christmas.

I apologize for the delay and will contact you as soon as I receive information from the Honourable Greg Melchin.

Once again, thank you Else, for taking the time to share your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Forsyth".

Heather Forsyth, MLA
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