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Mel Arnold  
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Dear Mr. Arnold

On behalf of the Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce, I wish to congratulate you on being re-elected to a third term as member of Parliament for North Okanagan-Shuswap.

We have appreciated your ongoing advocacy for the Chamber and the region, and we look forward to cooperating with you to ensure that matters of importance to our members and the economy are addressed in Ottawa.

Specifically, our members are experiencing significant challenges in attracting and retaining staff and while this situation existed prior to March 2020, the pandemic has only compounded the labour shortage. We would urge you to work with your colleagues on all sides of the House to find viable, long-term solutions that provide certainty to employers and get Canadians back to work.

Other priorities include access to housing for all income levels, expanded child care opportunities and taxation policies that allow businesses to thrive and invest in their communities.

We invite you to meet with us at your earliest convenience so we can discuss these matters, as well as others that will allow the North Okanagan-Shuswap to move beyond post-pandemic recovery.

Once again, congratulations on being re-elected as the member of Parliament for North Okanagan-Shuswap.

Sincerely yours,



Robin Cardew  
President  
Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce