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Dear Southern Interior Local Government Association:

I would like to thank you for meeting with me during the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention.

I appreciated our discussion and the recommendations provided in your briefing material. Local governments play a key role in supporting B.C.'s food supply security and sustainability and can undertake important planning and land-use decisions that are supportive of agriculture and food, including food and beverage processing, to ensure that large tracts of land for farming, industrial processing, and commercial uses are available for food production now and into the future.

I encourage you and your staff to engage with Ministry of Agriculture and Food staff, particularly our food and beverage processing team and Land-Use and Geospatial Unit. Your primary contacts are:

- Zac de Vries, Senior Program Developer, Food and Beverage Processing
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- Alison Fox, Land Use Agrologist, Land Use and Geospatial Unit
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Thank you for your interest in better supporting the sustainability and security of B.C.'s food supply. I look forward to what we can accomplish together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lana Popham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lana" being more prominent than the last name "Popham".

Lana Popham
Minister

cc: Zach de Vries
Alison Fox