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Dear Minister Boyle,

Re: Establishing a Permanent Provincial Housing Roundtable

On behalf of the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA), representing 37 municipalities and regional districts across British Columbia's Southern Interior, I am writing to urge the Province to expedite the creation of a Provincial Housing Round Table. Echoing the request of numerous stakeholders, including UBCM's previously endorsed resolution, 2025-NR123, SILGA joins these voices in expressing the urgent need for increased stakeholder engagement and consultation to navigate the Province's housing crisis.

By creating a permanent Provincial Housing Round Table, the Province and other legislators will be empowered to better comprehend the on-the-ground impacts of proposed policy before they become law, saving the Legislative Assembly time and saving those working to increase housing access and affordability from the need to navigate superfluous red tape.

We therefore join our members and the greater UBCM body of local governments in requesting the Province establish a roundtable accordingly, sourcing representatives from local governments, Indigenous housing organizations, market and non-market housing sectors, academia, and provincial and federal housing ministries to form this advisory body. Consultation with these stakeholders will better inform the development of policies that can support the expeditious implementation of the Province's housing goals and support outcomes-based solutions to housing for British Columbians.

SILGA looks forward to hearing the Ministry's progress on creating a Housing Roundtable, and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss this roundtable in further detail. Through robust systems of collaboration and consultation, British Columbia can better navigate the complexity of our current housing crisis and secure a better future for all constituents.

Sincerely,

Bill Sarai, President
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