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The Honourable Ralph Goodale, PC
310 University Park Drive
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Re: NSBA Speaking Engagement

Dear Minister Goodale,

The Economic Development Committee of the North Saskatoon Business Association (NSBA) invites you to a speaking opportunity in Saskatoon at a special luncheon with our members.

The NSBA represents approximately 800 businesses in Saskatoon and surrounding area. The Association's mandate is to be a relevant, topical and effective organization that interacts with all levels of government and businesses on significant issues for the betterment of our economy.

The committee is in the midst of investigating two very significant issues for members of our Association, our city and our province. The committee is looking forward to hearing your position on these issues.

The first issue is the proposed carbon tax by the federal government. This tax could be an ominous economic burden on our province as well as Saskatoon and our Association's businesses. The second issue is the much needed oil pipeline from western Canada to eastern Canada. This project is very significant to the economic development of our region and to the economic well-being of our country. We congratulate you and Prime Minister Trudeau for your leadership in the recent approvals given to the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain and the Line 3 Replacement project for Enbridge.

As our province's representative in cabinet, we would request that you address these two issues in your speech followed by the opportunity for you and our members to participate in a Q&A.

We would like to hold this special luncheon in either mid-to-late February or in mid-to-late April, or any time that suits your schedule. Please let us know which date works best for you. We look forward to your response and the opportunity to hear from you on these two significant issues.

For further information or with any questions please contact our Executive Director, Keith Moen at (306) 242-3069 or keith.moen@nsbasask.com.

Yours truly,

Henry Dyck
Chair, Economic Development Committee, NSBA

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