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COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

*Office of the Minister*

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Mr. Gerald Wheatley, Manager  
Calgary Dollars  
c/o Arusha Centre  
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Dear Mr. Wheatley:

Thank you for your email to the Honourable Joe Ceci, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, regarding the Calgary Dollars program. As Minister of Community and Social Services, I would like to take the opportunity to respond and apologize for the delay in getting back to you.

I appreciate you taking the time to write and advocate for Calgary Dollars to be considered as exempt income when calculating clients' benefits for the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) and Income Support (IS) programs.

I am pleased to let you know that Calgary Dollars are not considered to be income by the AISH and IS programs and that the ministry will exclude Calgary Dollars when calculating the level of benefits provided to AISH and IS clients.

Our government shares your interest in making life better and more affordable for Albertans with low incomes. That is why we have taken action including increasing the minimum wage to \$15, creating the new Alberta Child Benefit and investing \$1.2 billion to support affordable housing in Alberta.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in supporting the financial stability and social inclusion of Albertans. I wish you continued success in your work.

Sincerely,



Irfan Sabir  
Minister

cc: Honourable Joe Ceci, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance