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Dear Minister Madu, Minister Savage, Associate Minister Nally and MLA Long and MLA Getson,

**Re: Impacts of Assessment Model of Proposed Changes to residents of Yellowhead County and rural Alberta**

As a resident of Yellowhead County, I want to express my concerns and opposition to the Government of Alberta's proposed changes to the Assessment Model for regulated properties, such as wells and pipelines. My municipal government has made us aware of the significant impacts that these changes will have on my life in Yellowhead County, such as **severe tax increases (up to 350%)**, reduced infrastructure maintenance, and decreased service levels because of reduced staffing.

**As a resident of Alberta, I am saying NO to these proposed changes.** I ask you to please reconsider them and work with Yellowhead County, the Rural Municipality of Alberta (RMA) and other rural municipalities in Alberta to better understand the impacts your proposed Assessment Model Changes will have on our county and our lives. Our local municipality provides infrastructure and services that support oil and gas competitiveness by providing safe and reliable access to natural resources in our region. These proposed changes by the Government of Alberta will greatly reduce the ability of my municipality to provide the necessary services and infrastructure that help to feed and support our local economy.

**These changes worry me for many reasons.**

- First, I am also aware that these proposed changes will have **direct impacts on my municipality, school division, and seniors' housing programs, and their ability to operate.** These organizations are already feeling the burden from COVID-19's impacts, and don't have the ability to generate the revenue needed to fight that battle AND make up for the loss of cash flow resulting from the proposed Assessment Model Changes.
- Lastly, **myself and other rural residents, will be the ones forced to shoulder the financial burden.** Raising tax rates to offset the impacts of the assessment model change will have the effect of simply transferring taxes from the oil and gas industry to other businesses and residents.

I am a proud rural Albertan who supports our friends in the oil and gas sector. However, I believe that Yellowhead County deserves to be part of the solution to industry competitiveness, instead of being forced to absorb crippling changes to the assessment model.

I thank you for your consideration and for hearing my concerns.

Sincerely,

Yellowhead County resident