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Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen  
101 Martin Street  
Penticton, BC V2A 5J9

Dear Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen:

I would like to thank you for meeting with me during this Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention to discuss the prospect of an organics processing facility in your region.

I understand that the Campbell Mountain Landfill (CMLF) has been identified as having an immediate need for upgrades, that upgrading and diverting waste away from the CMLF has been a priority of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen for many years, and that a joint composting and biosolids facility has been identified by the Regional District as the best way to achieve both priorities.

The Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) is an administrative tribunal performing an independent, quasi-judicial role and it would be inappropriate for me to involve myself in decisions made by the ALC. I respect the ALC's independence in decision-making and do not want to do anything that could be perceived as fettering this independence. I encourage you to continue working with the ALC to address this issue.

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Thank you again to your delegation for the meeting and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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

Lana Popham  
Minister

cc: Kim Grout, CEO, Agricultural Land Commission