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Her Worship Mayor Lisa Helps
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Dear Mayor Helps:

I have been forwarded a copy of your letter dated March 6, 2019, sent to the Honourable John Horgan, Premier, requesting local governments receive the authority to introduce a surtax on vacant residential properties.

I appreciate receiving input on how to improve housing affordability in our province and understand that my colleague, the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, will be responding to you in more detail. Be assured that your suggestion has been noted and will be considered as part of future discussions.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Carole James
Minister and Deputy Premier

cc. Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing