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Subject: Re: Powers of Attorney Act
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Dear Ms. Adria:

Thank you for meeting with me on October 24, 2016, in regard to your concerns with the *Powers of Attorney Act*. At our meeting you asked that all enacted powers of attorney be registered with the provincial government. We appreciate your suggestion for the creation of a registry and also appreciate the work that you do as an elder advocate.

Following our meeting I asked the department to examine your suggestion related to creating a registry for enacted powers of attorney. Registries for enacted powers of attorney have been reviewed within Alberta and elsewhere. For instance, the Alberta Law Reform Institute reviewed the matter of a registry for enacted powers of attorney in 2003 and came to the conclusion that such a system would not provide the benefits necessary to justify the significant cost. The matter was also reviewed last year by the Law Reform Institute of Nova Scotia who came to a similar conclusion in that province that the benefits would not justify the imposition on donors and attorneys and may create problems related to access to justice.

Despite these concerns, while the *Powers of Attorney Act* is not currently being reviewed your recommendation will be kept on file and will be considered more thoroughly when the Act is reviewed in the future.

Thank you again for advocating for Alberta's seniors.

Sincerely,

Andrew Tarver
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cc: Honourable Lori Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors and Housing
John Cabral, Assistant Deputy Minister of Seniors and Housing

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