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Minister Kevin Falcon
Parliament Buildings
Room 153
Victoria, BC
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Dear Minister Falcon,

I'm writing to introduce our new automotive association and to request a meeting with you as earliest convenience. Our new association has been formed by members of the towing industry as a direct result of ICBC's disregard and abuse of it's dominant position, given it's power by the shareholder, the province of British Columbia. Section 7 of the Insurance Act states that ICBC treat it's stakeholders equitably and fairly. We do not feel that industry is being treated that way at all.

About two years ago, ICBC started taking steps under the Federal Competition act, to create an environment that the corporation would no longer be legally able to negotiate and communicate with stakeholder groups. ICBC is not open and transparent and in fact has not been forth coming with the facts it communicated to the Competition bureau. ICBC asked for an opinion that at the end of the day supposedly resulted in that very situation ICBC could no longer deal with stakeholder groups.

In addition the office of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles (OSMV) decided that it no longer wished to deal with yearly rate increases forwarded to treasury board. OSMV then recommended to the ministry that ICBC control rates for the Impound Lot Operators. This is a complete conflict of interest.

These two circumstances along with some other ICBC policies have had a devastating financial effect on the towing industry and other automotive sectors in this province. I hope I have communicated the gravity and urgency of the situation.

The tax revenue and employment of the Province of British Columbia is being affected by a crown monopoly that in our opinion has shielded its agenda from the shareholder. I look forward to meeting with you as soon as possible.

In closing Minister, I've always considered you very knowledgeable and supportive of the automotive small business sector. We look forward to communicating solutions and working with you soon.

Yours truly,
Western Canada Automotive Business Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Finch", is written over the typed name and title.

Dale Finch
President & CEO