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Melissa Pace  
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Dear Melissa Pace:

Thank you for your letter of December 30, 2020, addressed to the Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation. As Minister responsible for the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP), I am pleased to respond.

I appreciate the time you have taken to describe the workforce challenges faced by members of the Whistler Chamber of Commerce, and the impact that the temporary suspension of invitations in certain occupations has had on Whistler's businesses and the community.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs is currently reassessing labour market conditions for these occupations to inform a decision on this issue. I have directed staff to consider the information and advice that you have sent in their assessment. Thank you for noting the importance of workers in these occupations to Whistler's economic recovery efforts.

In your letter you also requested that the Province of British Columbia negotiate a higher allocation for the BC PNP. I will consider your request on this matter for the future and will continue to assess labour market needs to ensure that the B.C.'s nomination level meets the needs of the province.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Josie Osborne  
Minister