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Dear Premier Calvert,

I am writing regarding your recent decision to launch a legal challenge against the federal government on the basis that it is violating the constitution by failing to deliver a fair equalization deal for the people of Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Party supports this legal challenge in principle. In fact, we called on your government to consider this option on February 18, 2005 during our meeting with Saskatchewan Members of Parliament. At that meeting, I released the "Saskatchewan Party Proposal for Equalization Reform" (enclosed) which included the following:

"Consider a constitutional challenge of the current equalization calculation on the grounds that it violates Section 36(2) of The Constitution Act, 1982 inasmuch as the formula does not ensure Saskatchewan has 'sufficient revenues to provide reasonably comparable levels of public services at reasonably comparable levels of taxation.'"

I am pleased that you are now following this course of action. While the Saskatchewan Party supports this legal challenge in principle, we are hopeful that the province has a reasonable expectation of success.

With this in mind, could you please provide me with copies of any legal opinions your government has obtained regarding this challenge from the Department of Justice or any other source?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Leader of the Official Opposition