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Calgary-Mountain View Constituency

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Merwan Saher
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Dear Mr. Saher:

First, I want to express my thanks to you and your team for the outstanding work you do every day to ensure accountability for public funds, and to improve the performance of and confidence in Alberta's public service.

One area that I believe could benefit from an audit by your office is the Government of Alberta's \$10 million grant awarded to Pure North. As you may well be aware, media reports, specifically by CBC's Charles Rusnell, have raised concerns both with the granting process and the merits of the program itself.

My office has conducted a preliminary review into the matter, and, after having spoken to several stakeholders, I believe that there is sufficient grounds for concern, especially as it relates to the potential public health risks the vitamin supplement program may pose to a vulnerable population.

Therefore, I formally request that you investigate these matters, and report to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on your findings.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Swann, Leader
Alberta Liberal Opposition
MLA Calgary-Mountain View