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Dear Sirs:

I am pleased to learn of the recent announcement by the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of British Columbia (ASTTBC) and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia (APEGBC) of the formation of two joint task forces to advise the APEGBC and ASTTBC councils on matters of importance to both associations. I understand the Limited Licence Renewal Task Force and the Professional Technologists (PTech) Task Force will be reviewing issues relating to practice rights in an effort to resolve long-standing issues between the two associations and their members.

The Ministry of Science and Universities values the roles of both APEGBC and ASTTBC and as Minister responsible for both the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act* and the *Applied Science Technologists and Technicians Act*, I commend your efforts to engage in this co-operative approach to addressing the competencies of all engineering, geosciences and technology practitioners in our Province.

I look forward to hearing from your councils as to the outcomes of the Task Forces' deliberations, and trust that you will strive for a respectful and sustainable resolution as far as both associations are concerned.

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On behalf of the Province of British Columbia, I offer congratulations and best wishes to the Joint Task Force members, the two Councils and senior staff of the associations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ida Chong". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ida Chong, FCGA
Minister