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Amna Shah, MLA, Chair,
Select Standing Committee on Private Bills
and Private Members' Bills
c/o Parliamentary Committees Office
Room 224, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear MLA Shah and committee members,

I am writing to you as the sponsor of Bill M216- Professional Reliance Act.

I am pleased to inform the committee that the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs has committed to undertake further work on the core policy principles advanced in my bill.

In today's uncertain economic environment, it is critical that we do everything we can do to reduce the cost to deliver homes for people. Permitting delays are a primary cost driver and have real consequences for people in this province. Young people, seniors, renters and families are all paying the price when approvals take longer than they need to. Bill M216 advanced a practical proposal to help speed up housing approvals in the province by reducing unnecessary duplication and advancing discussions on how regulated professionals like architects and engineers can play a greater role in permitting and approval processes.

The Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs has committed to working with stakeholders to explore ways to build on the principles of safety, speed and professional responsibility while balancing the needs of local governments and regulated professionals. In that context, I welcome the Ministry's commitment to continue this work with stakeholders.

I am deeply grateful for the dialogue that you have each participated in considering my legislation. In light of the Minister's commitment to undertake this consultative work, I respectfully ask that the committee conclude its consideration of Bill M216 and forward all correspondence and relevant materials to the Ministry of Housing & Municipal Affairs.

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Thank you for the thoughtful consideration you have given this legislation, and I look forward to working with the Minister and interested MLAs in the weeks and months to ahead.

Sincerely,



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