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Dear Minister Popham,

As the President of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA), I am writing to seek your support for a critical resolution adopted by our association at its 2025 Annual General Meeting & Convention in Prince Rupert, British Columbia (BC). This resolution is essential to enhancing the capabilities and resilience of our municipalities and regional districts:

***Accessory Dwellings in the Agricultural Land Reserve***

***WHEREAS*** manufactured homes are recognized as a common, affordable, and readily available form of housing across the province, particularly in rural areas, having limited long term impact to underlying soil conditions due to their surface mounted design;

*And whereas on December 31, 2021, in an effort to provide housing flexibility in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), the province permitted a second dwelling unit to be constructed within the ALR to a maximum of 90 sq. m. on parcels of 40 hectares or less in size, which represents a non-standard, custom-sized manufactured home, often preventing the construction of flexible additional housing within the ALR;*

***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that NCLGA and UBCM call on the provincial government to amend the Agricultural Land Reserve Act and associated regulations accordingly to permit the construction of either a 90 sq. m. accessory dwelling unit or a standard-sized manufactured home up to a maximum 148 sq. m. total floor area on parcels under 40 ha within the ALR.

We are committed to working with your ministry to identify solutions that will provide the support our local governments need. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you (either virtually or in person) to discuss this resolution in more detail and explore potential collaboration and next steps. Please contact [admin@nclga.ca](mailto:admin@nclga.ca) for any scheduling. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



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