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Mr. Josh Brandon  
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Dear Mr. Brandon:

Thank you for your recent letter with respect to addressing poverty in Manitoba. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for participating in our community pre-budget consultations on October 17<sup>th</sup> in Winnipeg.

As we move forward with the implementation of measures from Budget 2016, Manitoba Finance is beginning preparations for the 2017 provincial budget and is welcoming input from all Manitobans. We are listening and appreciate the priorities and opportunities you have identified.

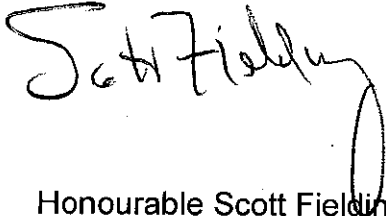
Manitobans expect and deserve responsible fiscal management from their government. Our Government has completed the first phase of our Government's fiscal performance review to identify additional efficiencies and eliminate waste, while achieving better results for all Manitobans.

The 2016 Manitoba Budget is the first step in putting this province's finances back in order. Prudent fiscal management and transparent, accountable budgeting will allow Manitoba to invest where it matters most to Manitoba families, while carefully and responsibly returning our province to balanced budgets and economic growth.

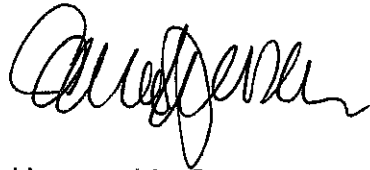
As we move forward, our Government is committed to harnessing Manitobans generosity through the development of Social Impact Bonds to explore new and innovative solutions to our province's social challenges, including poverty.

Thank you for sharing your views and priorities. Each of your ideas will help inform our discussions for Budget 2017.

Yours sincerely,



Honourable Scott Fielding  
Minister of Families



Honourable Cameron Friesen  
Minister of Finance

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