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**Subject:** City of Cold Lake

Good day Minister Anand

I first want to thank your government and the federal employees who are working tirelessly on the COVID-19 issue that our Country is faced with.

Here in our City of 15,000 people we are home to Canada's largest fighter base with approximately 2,700 employees who primarily are working at home. Our area is the third largest oil reserve for Canada and we produce greater than 600,000 Barrels per day. We have many residents that have recently been laid off due to the depressed oil price.

Our City operates on just over \$21 million in property taxes from residents and commercial properties. As you are aware there is concern for everyone's ability to pay municipal taxes with so many people out of work and business closed because of the COVID issue.

I have written to your Ministry before but I am asking if you can personally look into the dispute issue we have in regards to the outstanding property tax that the Federal Government has not paid on the fair assessed value of the 4 Wing CFB Cold lake property that resides in my community. Each year the Federal Government does not pay the assigned property tax of CFB Cold Lake. The outstanding property tax since 2013 is > \$10 million dollars. The Federal Government is our largest taxpayer and as you are aware municipal taxes allows municipalities to provide the services residents and the business community is demanding. My community is 1/3 military so the taxes being assigned by our assessor on the Federal Property are the same measure of standard for our downtown business and residents.

I would appreciate if you could look into this matter for me as our City is struggling financially and hopefully you can review this outstanding file that has existed for many years now.

Thank you very much.  
Craig Copeland  
Mayor  
City Cold Lake