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TOWN OF VEGREVILLE

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To whom it may concern:

On behalf of Lac La Biche County Council, I would like to express our support for keeping the federal Case Processing Centre in the Town Vegreville rather than relocating it to Edmonton.

By moving 280 jobs from the area, the relocation of the centre would have devastating effects on Vegreville, including fewer residents (and thus a less diverse community), depressed real estate values, and a smaller tax base that would limit the programs and services that the town provides to the public.

Moreover, Alberta is known for having a number of rural municipalities and small towns that are drivers of both the provincial and national economies. Creating and maintaining good jobs in small communities throughout the province, rather than simply concentrating them in already dense urban areas, ensures a more diversified and sustainable economy. Jobs like those provided by the Case Processing Centre generate a stable tax base for rural areas, especially in an economic period that has been hard on the energy sector.

We hope that the federal government will reassess the impact that this move will have on the Town of Vegreville.

Sincerely,

Omer Moghrabi
Mayor, Lac La Biche County

cc: Lac La Biche County Council

Shadia Amblie, Chief Administrative Officer