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**RE: SPIRIT WINDS RANCH SOCIETY & EQUINE ASSISTED
LEARNING**

As the Member of Parliament for the riding of Banff-Airdrie where the Spirit Winds Ranch is located, I am pleased to offer my support of the facility and its use of Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) services for children and at-risk youth.

Several months ago I was given the opportunity to visit the ranch and participate in some of the programming that is currently being offered to its guests. Designed as a means of encouraging both communication and collaboration skills, individuals are assigned to and work with the horses to complete games and challenges based on specific needs.

The EAL program is a wholly unique experience that offers the user the ability to foster skills that will help them overcome challenges in their own lives, and I am so glad I was able to be afforded the opportunity to participate and have that experience firsthand. It is an important program that I hope will only continue to grow in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blake Richards".

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