

## Final Report

**MLA Len Mitzel**  
**Roundtable with U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency**  
**Havre, Montana**  
**March 22, 2011**

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### **Overview:**

Len Mitzel, MLA Cypress-Medicine Hat, represented Alberta at a roundtable meeting with the Commissioner of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency in Havre, Montana on March 22, 2011.

### **Mission Objectives:**

The mission was successful in meeting a number of objectives:

1. Highlighted the importance of efficient trade corridors between Alberta and the U.S. including improved flow of goods through borders.
2. Focused efforts to increasing the hours of operation at the Port of Wild Horse.
3. Profiled Alberta as a desirable partner for trade and investment and a strong supporter of greater economic co-operation with the U.S.
4. Promoted Alberta-U.S. ties.

### **Results:**

The mission provided an opportunity to meet with the Commissioner to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the ports of entry on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border. The roundtable included a frank discussion on what works, and what could be improved at border crossings, to increase the speed and flow of goods through the border. The meeting also explored areas where the international trade community and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency could forge partnerships to benefit private industry on both sides of the border.

The mission was successful in meeting its objectives, allowing MLA Mitzel the opportunity to network and engage with participants, and to reinforce that Alberta is a strong partner for trade and investment.

### **Delegation:**

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