

Final Report

**MLA Len Mitzel's Mission to Washington, D.C.
Ports-to-Plains Alliance Congressional Visit
May 3-6, 2011**

Overview:

Len Mitzel, MLA for Cypress-Medicine Hat, represented Alberta in the Ports-to-Plains Alliance (PTP) fly-in advocacy mission to Washington, D.C., May 3-6, 2011. The fly-in is an annual event providing an opportunity to meet with Members of Congress representing PTP member jurisdictions.

Mission Objectives:

The mission was successful in meeting a number of objectives:

1. Highlighted to legislators Alberta's achievements in the energy sector, profiled Alberta as a resourceful, responsible energy producer, and as a secure energy provider to the U.S.
2. Profiled Alberta as a strong partner for trade and investment and a strong supporter of greater economic co-operation with the U.S.
3. Highlighted the importance of efficient trade corridors between Alberta and the U.S. including efficient movement of goods through the border.
4. Promoted strengthened Alberta-U.S. ties in a broad range of interests.

Results:

MLA Mitzel participated in a comprehensive program which included a PTP board meeting that allowed him to showcase Alberta and engage in discussions aimed at the future growth of the organization. The program included meetings with Members of Congress to discuss issues of importance to Alberta and the PTP region. In the meetings, Mitzel promoted Alberta's competitiveness with a focus on energy security, responsible resource development, agriculture, and transportation and border issues.

The mission was successful in meeting its objectives, allowing MLA Mitzel the opportunity to network and engage with U.S. federal legislators from across the PTP region, reinforcing that Alberta is committed to North American energy security, and remains a strong trade and investment partner.

Delegation:

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