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Dear Ms. Bird,

The Arusha Centre supports the campaign to have Calgary recognized as a Fair Trade Town and supports raising awareness about the benefits and opportunities of fair trade for our community and for producers around the world.

The Arusha Centre is a collectively run, member-supported organisation that provides resources and initiatives on social justice and environmental issues. We help Calgarians through community economic development and community resilience programs and offers varied practical resources, animating activities which educate, inspire and connect with and between people and projects.

We are home to Calgary Dollars, a complementary currency promoting local business and neighbour support, Take Action Grants, a grassroots granting program, and Open Streets Calgary, educating Calgarians on reducing their environmental impacts.

We value **localization**; communities, place-based networks of individuals, business and groups, relationships, engagement and collaboration.  
We value **sustainability**; human and environmental interrelationships, for a prosperous future of our communities, future generations, and the Earth.  
We value **social justice** and are committed to building an equitable society where all life is respected.

Sincerely,

Gerald Wheatley  
Manager, Arusha Centre

