



April 13, 2015

Michael Crawford, RSW
President, BC Association of Social Workers
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Dear Mr. Crawford:

Thank you for your letter in which you've expressed support, on behalf of your Association members, for government's recent announcements geared to better supporting lower-income families. Government is pleased to be in a position to effect the changes at this time.

You've mentioned the surplus in this year's budget. This surplus, and those forecasted, provide us the means to make significant progress in repaying the provincial debt and better supporting the services government provides in health, education and social services. I am pleased to say that we have been able to do just that.

I see that one of your suggestions is for more social and co-op housing, especially for people with disabilities. I've noted your comments and I want to thank you for your input. We have done a lot of work in this area, but we are always looking for ways to do better. I will share your comments with the Minister responsible for Housing, the Honourable Rich Coleman, and the Honourable Michelle Stilwell, Minister of Social Development and Social Innovation, so that they are aware of them as well.

Again, thank you for being in touch, Mr. Crawford. It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christy Clark".

Christy Clark
Premier

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pc: Honourable Rich Coleman
Honourable Michelle Stilwell