

April 25, 2014

Ms. Isobel Mackenzie,
Seniors Advocate,
Office of the Seniors Advocate,
1-2, 1515 Blanshard Street,
Victoria, B.C. V8W 3C8

Dear Ms. Mackenzie,

We are a group of social workers that work for and with seniors from across British Columbia. We would like to offer our support as you take on your new position as seniors' advocate.

As a community of practice, our experience ranges from working in residential care facilities, hospitals, in seniors' activity centres, in adult guardianship, in policy and licensing, in administration and advocacy; we also have students involved in our group. Some of the ideas that we explore in our group include: adult abuse and neglect, violence in residential care facilities, advance care planning and financial management, as well as isolation, poverty, mental health, and volunteerism.

Congratulations and welcome to your new role. The BCASW looks forward to working with you. We would welcome meeting with you and the opportunity to discuss issues of importance to seniors in British Columbia.

Yours Sincerely,



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Executive Director, BC Association of Social Workers on behalf of
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