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Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier
Honourable Carole Taylor, Minister of Finance
Honourable Tom Christensen, Minister of Children and Family Development
Honourable Linda Reid, Minister of State for Child Care
c/o Rm 156, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Premier and Ministers,

I am writing to urge you to immediately reverse the cuts you are making to child care in BC. These cuts hurt families and make no economic sense.

Your latest funding cuts are worsening the problems of massive waitlists, rising parent fees, and the shortage of qualified child care workers.

These cuts threaten the ability of parents, and workers in the child care sector, to maintain the tax-paying jobs that support our families and our communities.

By cutting Westcoast Provincial Services and Vancouver Child Care Resource and Referral funding, you are eliminating important community-based services. While all families need these supports, vulnerable children will suffer most from these cuts.

The BC economy is booming and the provincial budget surplus tops \$2-billion. BC can easily afford to make up any shortfall caused by the federal government's elimination of national child care funding.

It's time to show that you put the wellbeing of BC's children and working families as the first – not last, priority for public spending.

Our children deserve the best start in life.

I urge you to immediately restore and maintain Child Care Operating Funds, and to continue full funding to the Child Care Resource and Referral Program, including full funding to Westcoast Provincial Services and Vancouver Child Care Resource and Referral.

Further, that your government commit new money to build a strong, affordable and accessible quality child care system that serves every BC family who needs services.

I look forward to receiving a response from each of you.

Additional comments:

Sincerely,

Signature

Printed name

Address & postal code