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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to write about the recent amendment to the *Community Living Authority Act*. As you are aware, Community Living BC (CLBC) board members are responsible for overseeing CLBC affairs, setting the standard for organizational conduct, and acting in the best interest of those receiving services. Their role is critical to ensure a strong future for the organization. Currently, CLBC provides services to over 12,000 adults with developmental disabilities through a budget of approximately \$730 million per year.

The amendment will enable the province to appoint CLBC board members from a wide pool of individuals with experience managing complex organizations. This will strengthen CLBC's board governance and bring the board in line with other provincial crown corporations. The amendment does not preclude the province from considering members who receive community living supports or have a significant connection to people who do.

The CLBC board will be provided information and advice by the Advisory Committee to assist with governance and decision-making. The Committee includes people who receive community living supports or have a significant connection to people who do.

Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families are also represented throughout the province by regional community councils. The purpose of the community councils is to work collaboratively with community partners to support community inclusion, citizenship and full participation for people with developmental disabilities.

As always, we will continue to seek input from community members and service providers to ensure quality services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

Sincerely yours,

Original Signed By

Rich Coleman
Minister