

Email to MLA Randy Hawes

From: Jane Dyson, on behalf of the BC Community Living Action Group

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The BC-Community Living Action Group (BC-CLAG) is a unique, diverse network of self-advocates, families, support staff and community organizations who support people with disabilities. We came together to form BC-CLAG in response to our grave concerns about Community Living BC (CLBC). We were hearing from families, self-advocates and service providers about the devastating impact that service redesign was having on the community living sector. Through the stories we were hearing and our work in the disability community we came to the conclusion that BC has a very serious community living crisis.

When we formed BC-CLAG in 2010, we hoped to work collaboratively with government to solve the community living crisis. We are writing to you today to applaud your leadership in speaking out and urging the Province to implement a review of CLBC.

Many British Columbians with developmental disabilities and their families are fearful of the future. Your courage today in doing the right thing and putting them first will give them hope that they are at last being listened to.

Mr. Hawes, thank you for recognizing that CLBC is in crisis, that it is not fulfilling its mandate and for calling for a review.

Sincerely,

Jane Dyson, on behalf of BC-CLAG