



# British Columbia Teachers' Federation

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Honourable Kevin Krueger  
Minister of Social Development  
PO Box 9058, Stn Prov Govt  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister:

On behalf of the 41,000 members of the BC Teachers' Federation, I urge your government to stop the closure of residential group care homes for adults with developmental disabilities.

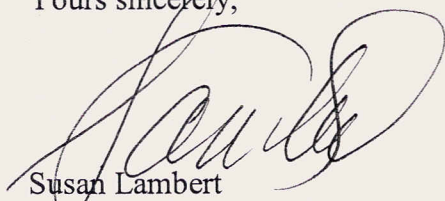
The Ministry of Children and Family Development and the Ministry of Social Development are racing to close professionally staffed residential care homes for adults without the necessary sincere consultation. Alarming reports are surfacing that describe how residents are being forced into less costly home-sharing arrangements that may be unsafe and often do not meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.

The revision of the *Community Living Authority Act* has removed the legislated requirement that people with developmental disabilities and their family members be represented on the board of directors of Community Living BC. The revision appears to be an attempt to recover \$22 million that was cut from the budget of the crown corporation, Community Living BC, which administers supports and services to some of the most vulnerable people in BC.

These actions of your government have led to the rapid reduction in the number of adults in residential care, and the deterioration of quality person-centred care.

The BCTF calls on the minister to reverse the cuts to Community Living BC, and return to a person-centred service design where family choice is valued.

Yours sincerely,



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President

cc: Ken Robinson, President, HEU  
Shane Simpson, NDP Social Development critic  
Dawn Steele, Vancouver Parents for Successful Inclusion ✓

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