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Hon. Mary McNeil
Minister of Children and Family Development
PO Box 9057, Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Hon. McNeil:

Re: Funding for Adults with Developmental Disabilities, etc.

Council for the Town of Creston is requesting the Minister of Children and Family Development ensure provincial funding and support is not reduced for adults with developmental disabilities. These highly vulnerable individuals have been impacted by the reduction in services provided by the provincial government. Group homes form a vital and necessary part of the housing continuum that has won broad support from members of the public at large, families of adults with developmental disabilities and the communities in which they are located.

The Town of Creston is home to a high number of developmentally challenged persons and they need the security of the services provided by the province. The elimination or reduction of this ongoing support would cause severe emotional hardship to many families and growing vulnerability in the community, jeopardizing health and safety and increasing the risk of illness or homelessness.

We request that you seriously consider implementing a moratorium on the closure of group homes and provide sufficient financial resources both to maintain this vital housing resource and address growing waitlists.

Sincerely,


Ron Toyota
Mayor

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c: C.V. Community Housing Society
-BC Community Living Action Group (BC-CLAG)