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Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier  
Honourable Linda Reid, Minister of State for Child Care  
c/o Rm 156, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Premier Campbell and Minister Reid,

Your decision to single out child care services for funding cuts is appalling. This short-sighted move hurts families and makes no economic sense.

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.

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

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.

In this light, your government's promise of a "golden decade for children" appears hollow. It's time to show that you put the wellbeing of BC's children and working families as the first – and 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.**

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

*Additional comments:*

Sincerely,

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