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**RE: Early Intervention & Early Childhood Education for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children in BC**

Dear Minister Chen, Minister Conroy and Minister Dix,

My name is *(your first and last name)* and I am a *(parent/grandparent/other family/friend)* of a *(Deaf/Hard of Hearing)* child who resides in *(name of city)*, British Columbia.

*(Provide a few sentences or a paragraph here about your child and your family, for example)*

* *your child’s level of hearing, hearing aids, cochlear implants*
* *describe which services you receive from DCS (and from other agencies if applicable)*
* *how often you receive those services*
* *how these services have supported your family*
* *how your journey has impacted your family as a whole*
* *any other information you feel is important*

We are aware of the critical lack of funding to support Deaf and Hard of Hearing children within BC which has resulted in significant financial deficits to BC Family Hearing Resource Society, Children’s Hearing and Speech Centre of BC, and Deaf Children’s Society of BC.

Not having access to these life-changing programs and services, my child and family *(will/will not, would/would not......describe the impact here)*

We implore you to provide appropriate funding to support crucial Early Intervention services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children in BC from birth to age five.

*(Be sure to include your name and address on both your letter and envelope)*

Sincerely,

SIGN YOUR NAME

*(Print your name, Street address, City, Province, Postal Code)*

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