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Adoptive Families Association of BC  
Affiliation of Multicultural Societies & Service Agencies  
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Association for Community Education BC  
ACT – Autism Community Training Society  
BC Aboriginal Childcare Society  
BC Assoc. for Child Development & Rehabilitation  
BC Association for Community Living  
BC Association for Play Therapy  
BC Association of Child Care Employers  
BC Association of Family Resource Programs  
BC Association of Pregnancy Outreach Programs  
BC Association of Social Workers  
BC Council for Families  
BC Crime Prevention Association  
BC Early Years Alliance  
BC Farm Women's Network  
BC Federation of Foster Parents Association  
BC Government & Service Employees' Union  
BC Institute Against Family Violence  
BC Pediatric Society ♦ BC Recreation & Parks Assoc.  
BC School Trustees Association  
BC Teachers' Federation  
BC/Yukon Society of Transition Houses  
Boys & Girls Clubs of BC  
Canadian Association for Young Children  
Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division  
Canadian Red Cross • Capilano Student Union  
Cerebral Palsy Association of BC  
Child & Family Counseling Association  
Child & Youth Care Association of BC  
Child Care Advocacy Forum  
Children's & Women's Health Centre of BC  
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Early Childhood Educators of BC  
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Federation of Child & Family Services of BC  
Fulcrum Project  
Infant Development Program of BC  
International Dyslexia Association, BC Branch  
Justice Institute of BC  
Labour Environmental Alliance Society  
Learning Disabilities Association of BC  
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Pacific Association of First Nations Women  
Pacific Community Resources Society  
Pacific Legal Education Association /PARCA  
Parent Support Services Society of BC  
Penticton & District Community Resources Society  
Public Health Association of BC  
Self Help Resource Association of BC  
Social Planning & Research Council BC  
Society for Children & Youth of BC  
Society for Public Education of BC  
Society of Special Needs Adoptive Parents  
Sunshine Coast Community Services Society  
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March 6, 2007

Ms. Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond  
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Dear Ms. Turpel-Lafond,

We are sending you a copy of the attached letter to Premier Campbell expressing our coalition's concerns about the state of child care in BC. Child care services are truly in crisis in the province, meaning families are in crisis in trying to find quality, affordable, accessible care for their children. As the announced cuts to child care operating funding take effect by July, 2007, this situation will only get worse.

We will continue to pursue our advocacy to try to get the Premier and provincial government to take a second look at their recent decision to cut child care funding, and to help government to identify solutions to the crisis in this area of service.

However, with this letter we are also calling upon you to conduct a full and complete review of child care services in BC. We believe it is important for your office to monitor the impacts of cuts to public funding for child care services on children's safety and well-being. We have been collecting information from the field through our partner organizations and links with communities. We would be happy to share this information and our contacts with you to assist in a review.

Sincerely,

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Provincial Coordinator

