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Subject: Funding Cuts

Premier Campbell, Hon. Reid & Hon. Christensen,

I write to you today in horror at the news that \$800,000 in funding will be cut to the Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre for their Provincial Services. Over the past many years working in the Squamish/Whistler area and now here in Kamloops I like many, many others have come to rely on the expertise, knowledge and support that we get from Westcoast. One example being, our centre greatly benefited from being part of the Pilot Project for the "Safe Spaces" anti-bullying program – something we would not have been able to access for our children if not for Westcoast. I urge you to re-consider and suggest that this shortfall be taken from the other CCRRs around the province and that we retain a provincial "hub" which is Westcoast – after all we will never be able to duplicate the extent of knowledge and experience that they offer. Let us not forget that it is often the CCRR's themselves that contact the Westcoast office and rely on them heavily for information also.

Sincerely

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