

November 18, 2011

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The Honourable Christy Clark, Premier Province of British Columbia PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Clark:

At the Kamloops City Council meeting held on November 1, 2011 Council discussed the drastic funding cuts that have recently been made to housing and programs funded by Community Living BC, and the effects that those funding cuts have had on residents of Kamloops.

The group homes are 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 those facilities are located. We feel that measures are required to be taken in order to protect these individuals from emotional hardship and jeopardizing their health and safety by increasing their risk of illness or homelessness.

We urge the Province to end the funding cuts, implement a moratorium on the closure of group homes and provide sufficient financial resources to maintain this vital housing resource and address the waitlists that only will continue to grow.

Sincerely

P. G. Milobar, Mayor City of Kamloops

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c.c. Jane Dyson, Executive Director
BC Coalition of People with Disabilities



