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Colin Plant
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Dear Colin Plant:

Thank you for your letter of January 19, 2023, addressed to the Honourable Mitzi Dean, Minister of Children and Family Development, concerning the Pacific Centre Family Services Association's (PCFSA) Crime Reduction & Exploitation Diversion (CRED) program and the Mobile Youth Service Team (MYST). Your correspondence has been shared with me and as Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, I am pleased to respond.

I want to first acknowledge the important work PCFSA and its MYST and CRED programs continue to do in providing much needed services to at-risk youth in the Capital Regional District. I appreciate your advice on the significant impact their efforts have had in Sooke and advocacy for the continued support for these community programs with respect to further funding.

I am pleased to confirm one-time funding was provided for PCFSA and its MYST and CRED programs. The total approved one-time funding for this initiative will be \$130,000.00 to enable CRED and MYST programs to continue to provide services to at-risk youth in the Capital Regional District.

Thank you again for taking the time to write and for your ongoing advocacy on these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Farnworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
and Deputy Premier

pc: Liz Nelson, Executive Director, Pacific Centre Family Services Association
The Honourable Mitzi Dean, Minister of Children and Family Development