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Dear Faith Bondnar:

It is with great pleasure that we share *Budget 2018* materials, including [Child Care BC, Caring for Kids, Lifting up Families](#). This blueprint serves as our path to universal child care and would not have been made possible without your insight. By sharing your concerns about the lack of affordable, accessible and quality child care over the past few months, we were able to clearly define what absolutely needs to change and map out a plan that will ultimately bring universal child care to British Columbia.

Your voices ring loud and clear throughout the blueprint and for that we are grateful. Thank you for partnering with us to deliver more than \$1 billion over the next three years and provide swift relief for thousands of families. Your expertise is invaluable and your priorities for immediate change are reflected in [Budget 2018](#), which brings down fees for parents, builds more licensed spaces and increases the number of early childhood educators.

Our plan to bring universal child care to British Columbia will take time to deliver, and we will continue to consult with you as we move beyond our three-year start.

You are important partners and, in anticipation of some of the questions you may have, we have developed a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) document to help guide you through program changes over the coming months. This document is a work in progress and will be updated and [posted](#) regularly as we receive feedback from you. If you do not see your concerns reflected in the attached materials, please reach out to us at EarlyYears@gov.bc.ca.

Collaborating with you over the past few months has been both rewarding and inspiring. As early childhood educators, experts and advocates, your passion and drive are admirable and we look forward to continued discussions as we ramp up delivery of our child-care plan.

Together, we have delivered British Columbia's biggest-ever investment in child care. You have our assurance that this blueprint is only the beginning. The path we continue to travel together on will not be easy, just as the path to universal health care and education was long and winding. Together we are making a real difference in the lives of British Columbia families today.

Sincerely,

Katrine Conroy
Minister of Children and
Family Development

Katrina Chen
Minister of State for Child Care