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Honourable Coralee Oakes Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development Legislative Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY, SPORT AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER'S OFFICE **RECEIVED** JAN 1 0 20:3 ROUTE TO: DRAFT REPLY D DM D FYU/FILE D REPLY DIRECT D FNA D

Dear Minister,

Re: Chilliwack Restorative Justice & Youth Advocacy Association

On behalf of the constituency of Chilliwack, I want to express my support for the work of the Chilliwack Restorative Justice & Youth Advocacy Association.

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Since 1998, Chilliwack Restorative Justice has been incredibly successful in connecting youth with their community, providing mentoring to young offenders, providing a forum for victims, and facilitating the payment of monetary restitution to victims by offenders.

I believe in the mission statement of Chilliwack Restorative Justice which is, "To foster a safer community through restorative justice with a focus on youth who have caused harm to people and property; holding them accountable for their behavior and reintegrating them with their community."

In previous years, the organization has greatly benefited from small gaming grants to supplement provincial funding. Recently, this organization's community gaming grant was denied. As the Branch participates in the appeal process begun by Chilliwack Restorative Justice, I would ask that the staff in charge of reviewing this application carefully consider the worthy cause that Chilliwack Restorative Justice represents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John Martin, MLA Chilliwack

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