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December 17, 2013

Hon. Coralee Oakes Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

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Dear Minister:

SPORT AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER'S OFFICE RECEIVED DEC 3 n 2013 ROUTE TO: CC:

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY.

Re Chilliwack Restorative Justice and Youth Advocacy

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I want to bring to your attention the above group, which serves many in my riding, including people in Chilliwack, Agassiz, Harrison, Hope and Boston Bar. Recently I visited their offices and talked with their staff about their work, and I was impressed.

This worthy group relies heavily on volunteer effort and part time workers to reconcile criminal offenders with victims of crime and thus provide an important social good to the communities it serves.

In years past it has enjoyed small gaming grants to supplement provincial funding. This year their gaming grant was denied, which perplexes the proponents because they are able to rebut every point made by the Branch. They are doing so by way of formal appeal.

I want to add my voice of support in hope that the Branch will reverse it's decision and restore funding to Chilliwack Restorative Justice. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kathy Funk, Executive Director, Chilliwack Restorative Justice and Youth Advocacy

