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January 8, 2014

Honourable Amrik Virk
Minister of Advanced Education
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
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Dear Minister Virk:

Re: Requested Response to Letters dated July 2013 and August 2013

In my dozen-plus years on the back benches of the BC Liberal Government it has been my experience that ministers place a high priority on responding to requests from members of their caucus, upon whom they depend for support on critical issues and during debate.

I regret to remind you that as of today, you have failed to respond to my requests contained firstly in a letter sent by me to you last July, concerning very serious and consequential issues of tuition for professional education in this province, and secondly a letter sent to you last August requesting a detailed briefing of the funding model applicable to Capilano University.

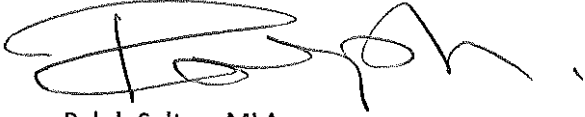
We are now approaching the six-month mark.

I can choose alternative forums to raise these important issues, if I cannot obtain answers from you or your ministry, but I prefer not to.

Nevertheless, I am reminded of these issues due to an FOI request advisory I received today from Bethany Haak, FOI analyst, asking if I have any views concerning disclosure of this correspondence. I

have informed Ms. Haak that I have no hesitation in seeing these public documents receive further dissemination under FOI.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Sultan', with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

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Cc: Dan Doyle, Chief of Staff
Hon. Naomi Yamamoto, MLA North Vancouver-Lonsdale
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From: Larson.MLA, Linda [Linda.Larson.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 11:15 AM
To: Robson, William AVED:EX; Dhanowa, Damon JTST:EX
Subject: FW: Trades at Penticton College

Good morning gentlemen,

I just received this email from s.22 Obviously s.22 has thought about the situation and is asking more questions. I understood that s.22 spoke with Dean Nutter at Okanagan College (Kelowna) and that s.22 seemed okay with what was explained to s.22 but s.22 is still clearly upset by this and I am not quite sure how to answer s.22 questions.

Damon, you mentioned some briefing notes- perhaps that will help. What do you suggest I do- should I be suggesting s.22 call Mr. Nutter back for more clarification?

Colleen Misner

Constituency Assistant

on behalf of Linda Larson, MLA

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From: s.22
Sent: January 17, 2014 11:59 AM
To: Larson.MLA, Linda
Subject: Trades at Penticton College

Attn Linda Larson,

I am completing my level C apprenticeship welding thru the Penticton Campus @ Okanagan College on January 31, 2014.

When I enrolled we were informed that we would be the last class to complete this course before the whole course is changed over to another system.

We were informed yesterday, January 16 that we will not be getting our level C ticket, as promised.

The course was shortened down to 5 months down from 6 months to ensure we would get our C ticket. We have worked hard to complete this shortened course.

No one seems to be able to answer the question as to why were we told we would have our C ticket on completion of this program. And what is next?

The staff is focussed on the new program and has no answers as to what the next step for this "last class of the old system" is to do January 31, 2014 when the course is completed.

I am writing to you in frustration hoping that you can either find some answers or direct me to who will have the answer.

Sincerely, s.22

The dean of the college spoke with our class yesterday and had no answers as to the next step. My instructor has no answers either. We seem to be in limbo.

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From: Reimer.MLA, Linda [<mailto:Linda.Reimer.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 3:33 PM
To: Robson, William AVE:EX
Subject: FW: ESL Schools in B.C.

Good afternoon William, I am aware that your Ministry has already been email on this issue. Would you be able to give us some background info and facts on this for our knowledge please.

Kindly,

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From: Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane LASS:EX
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 9:51 AM
To: Robson, William AVED:EX
Subject: FW: Troubled student loan program?

Hi Will,

Here is more information for s.22 regarding s.22 student loan:

s.22

Please let me know if you need any further information and confirm that the Ministry will be able to contact s.22 directly.

Thanks very much,

Alysia

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From: Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane [<mailto:Jane.Thornthwaite.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: January-16-14 1:55 PM
To: s.22
Cc: Yamamoto.MLA, Naomi
Subject: RE: Troubled student loan program?

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s.22

Thank you for your email. On your behalf, I have made an inquiry with the Ministry of Advanced Education and they have requested that I ask you for s.22 mailing address and contact phone number to have the Ministry contact s.22 directly regarding s.22 student loan.

The Ministry will look into the issue and help s.22 navigate towards the root of the issue and hopefully a solution.

Thanks very much and we look forward to your reply.

Alysia

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From:

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Sent: January 16, 2014 12:26 PM

To: Yamamoto.MLA, Naomi; Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane

s.22

Subject: Troubled student loan program?

s.22

Some version of these problems happens every year. Our student loan program would appear to be the best reason for giving up on school. This is ridiculous.

Help, please.

s.22