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February 21, 2013

Hon. Pat Bell
Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training
Minister Responsible for Labour
Box 9071, Stn Prov Gov
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Re: East Kootenay Welcoming Community Action Plan

Dear Minister Bell:

I received a number of email letters from residents of Kimberley and Cranbrook regarding a contract that was awarded to the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy to provide to provide settlement services to newcomers and to create welcoming community initiatives.

People are concerned by what they see as a lack of consultation and collaboration between local immigration settling agencies prior to this government contract being awarded. I have included a letter from that clearly outlines concerns of the residents.

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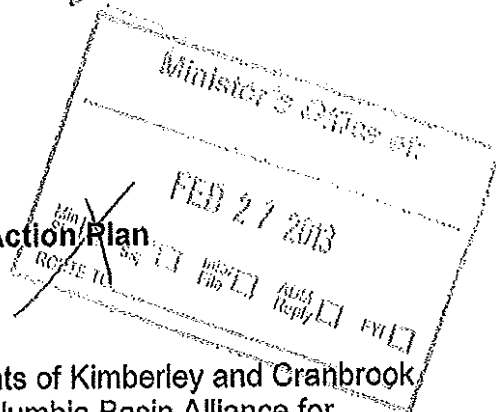
I urge you and staff of your ministry to help resolve these concerns for all the agencies involved.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Norm Macdonald MLA
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January 15, 2013

ATTENTION: The Hon. Pat Bell

Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training

And Minister Responsible for Labour

Room 138

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Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister:

Re: Amber Education Services –

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at Seabird College

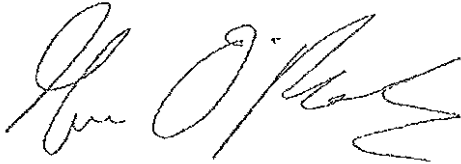
My office was recently contacted by Diane Parkinson, Senior Education Administrator at Seabird College. One of the students at the College was awaiting funding for the S22 S22 offered there by Thompson Rivers University, but the College could not get any clarity as to the status of that course, even though it is shown on the Industry Training Authority's website as "foundational". This confusion is holding up a young man's ability to return to the work force.

I am attaching the response from Amber to my letter enquiring about this student's funding. As you can see, it appeals to the issue of liability and a lack of clarity as to whether or not this course is apprentice on-the-job training or a foundational course. In the meantime, the student waits to move forward in his life.

A decision in this case must be made. A young man's future hangs in the balance. I hope the Minister will see fit to intervene in the matter and rule in the student's favour. As discussed above, the course is shown on the ITA's website as foundational. If there is any further confusion in the matter, perhaps a call to Kevin Evans of the ITA will help clear that up. /..2

Thank you for your attention to the foregoing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gwen O'Mahony', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gwen O'Mahony, MLA
Chilliwack-Hope

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cc: Diane Parkinson, Senior Education Administrator
Seabird College
C. Wade Simmons, President & Owner
Amber Education Services Ltd.