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Honourable Carole James
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Honourable Melanie Mark
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Dear Ministers James and Mark:

Please find enclosed a copy of an e-mail exchange I have had with ^{s.22} who is one of my constituents. s.22

s.22 does not qualify for the British Columbia Training and Education Savings Grant. s.2 feels that this is discriminatory and unfair.

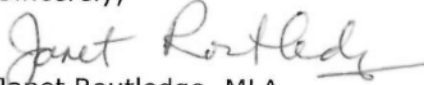
s.22 alternative proposal would be to change the program so that instead of giving \$1200.00 to the children who are currently eligible, all children up to the age of 17 would get \$800.00.

s.2 feels this would be more equitable and would have the same budgetary impact.

s.22 would like to see this addressed in the next budget. I am therefore requesting that you look into this and respond to s.22 concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Janet Routledge, MLA
Burnaby North

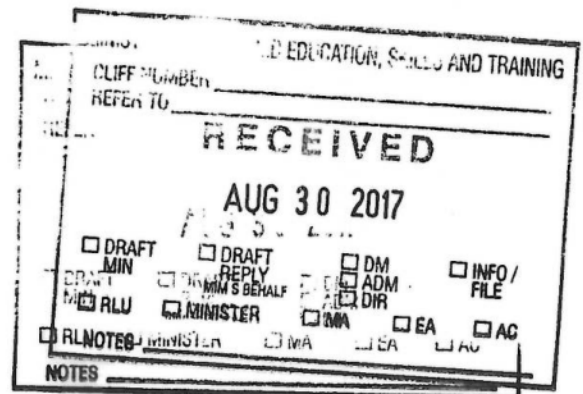
Enclosure

s.22

PC:

JR: cj





Routledge.MLA, Janet

From: s.22
Sent: August 3, 2017 9:00 AM
To: Routledge.MLA, Janet
Subject: RE: Congratulations/ BCTESG

Dear Janet,

Thank you for your reply, we agree with you about the unfairness of the previous government regarding the age qualification for BCTESG.

We cannot do anything about the past but we can at present correct the unfairness and discrimination against s.22
s.22 what are we doing favouring 10 years old and younger of good support of higher education and forget about the rest, are they not important?

We read the next budget priorities but the education of our next generation is very important too.

Janet, you are our MLA and we need your help and support we know you are very busy and you know how to advance this issue maybe by forwarding our corresponds to the Honourable Carol James and the Honourable Melanie Mark even to the honourable Premier John Horgan.

Thanking you in advance, our best regards,

s.22

From: Routledge.MLA, Janet [mailto:Janet.Routledge.mla@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: August 1, 2017 3:58 PM
To: s.22
Subject: RE: Congratulations/ BCTESG

Dear s.22

Thank you for your e-mail. I apologize for the delay in my response. My Constituency Assistant and I have been helping numerous constituents with emergency situations.

The BCTESG was introduced by the previous government in the lead up to the 2013 election as part of their package of pre-election promises. I cannot speak to the previous government's justifications for the qualification dates. It would be up to members of the B.C. Liberals to provide that type of information.

Our priorities for the September budget will be to take the first steps to fix the services people rely upon, make life more affordable and build a sustainable economy that works for everyone. Because of the transition to a new government, the September budget is going to be an interim budget.

Our focus is going to be on taking steps to immediately make life more affordable for British Columbians. The details won't be made public until the budget is introduced but Premier Horgan's mandate letter to the Finance Minister will give you an indication of the direction the government will be taking. Here is the link to that letter: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/ministries-organizations/premier-cabinet-mlas/minister-letter/james-mandate.pdf>. The measures we will be bringing forward should bring immediate benefits to your s.22

s.22 and make life more affordable for them.

We also want to help relieve the financial burden on students as soon as possible and bring much needed innovation to our post-secondary system. I believe the measures we will bring forward will have long term benefits for students and

for our economy. Here is the link to Premier Horgan's mandate letter to the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/ministries-organizations/premier-cabinet-mlas/minister-letter/mark-mandate.pdf>.

As is the case for every regular budget, there will be a public consultation process leading up to the February 2018 budget. This is done through the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. Members of the public are invited to submit their budget priorities to the committee via written submissions or by appearing at the committee's public meetings. This is the most direct way for citizens to let government and opposition MLAs know their budget priorities.

I would encourage you to make a submission outlining your views on the BCTESG to the committee. Information on the committee can be found via this link: <https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/committees/41stparliament-1stsession-fgs>.

I hope that you will find this information to be helpful.

Sincerely,

Janet Routledge

Janet Routledge, MLA
Burnaby North

From: s.22

Sent: July 26, 2017 8:52 PM

To: Routledge.MLA, Janet <Janet.Routledge.mla@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Congratulations/ BCTESG

Hello Janet,

We are not sure you got to read our email of July the 17th. we want the issue addressed before the coming budget and we hope that you can address it with the Honorable Carol James and the Honorable Rob Fleming.

Best Regards,

s.22

From: s.22

Sent: July 17, 2017 12:02 PM

To: 'janet.routledge.mla@leg.bc.ca' <janet.routledge.mla@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: Congratulations/ BCTESG

Hello Janet,

We would like to congratulate you for being our MLA and would like to ask for your help.

The BCTESG where the BC Gov. will contribute \$ 1200 to eligible children who were born 2006 or later, s.22

s.22 the question is why not? What makes a child 10 years old qualify but not a child s.22 This is a mystery or injustice.

s.22 and the BCTESG will be a great help in supporting s.2 future education.
Sorry for writing too early but it is a matter that involve next budget and the ministers of finance, education and never too early to plan ahead.
Please help in this very important subject for the sake of educating our future generation.

Best regards,

s.22