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**From:** Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 9, 2018 3:21 PM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX; Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX  
**Cc:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Board Voice  
**Attachments:** Letter to The Honourable Carole James.pdf

For discussion Monday at 9am.

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**From:** Minister, MCF MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 8, 2018 11:18 AM  
**To:** Kuharic, Rhea MCF:EX; Talbot, Sarena MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Board Voice

Hi guys,

Please see attached and below from the Board Voice board. (This is the letter you were looking for Sarena!)

Please Cliff and MKC has been cc'ed but will be needed for meeting next week.

Thanks,  
Edena

**From:** Christine Thomas [<mailto:cthomas@boardvoice.ca>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018 2:06 PM  
**To:** Minister, FIN FIN:EX  
**Cc:** Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; Minister, MCF MCF:EX  
**Subject:** MSP-EHT Changes

March 7, 2018

The Honourable Carole James, M.L.A.  
Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier  
Room 153 Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister:

We are writing to express the deep concern of Board Voice's member Boards with respect to the impact of the new Employer Health Tax on January 1, 2019.

While we understand that you have allowed for the next several months for consultation with the not-for-profit sector, the lack of clarity is an immediate planning and budgeting challenges. We urge you to provide such clarity in the very near term.

As you have heard from others in the not-for-profit sector the immediate and long-term impacts are of immense concern. Our sector receives, in very large part, its grant revenues from the Province. Not knowing if the

Province will pay for this extra mandated cost, or provide an exemption is impeding the ability to enhance, the wellbeing of those we all serve.

Board Voice is a network of volunteer board directors of community-based social benefit organizations from across the province. It was founded on the belief that board leadership is critical to supporting high-quality social services and to making our communities better places to live.

The not-for-profit community and community based social benefit organizations are vital partners to achieving the government's social priorities and along with volunteers, donors and grant providers make significant contributions toward enhancing the lives of BC's people.

While the implementation date of January 2019 was intended to provide time to consult, the impact is now. Many member agencies are on the same fiscal year as the government. Currently, they are in the very final stages of finalizing their revenue and expenditure budgets for the 12 months ending March 31, 2019. The impact of the extra EHT cost, without knowing if the various provincial ministries will cover the EHT cost in the 4th quarter, is of critical importance right now. The governance fiduciary responsibility means social service agencies are facing serious risk today. Agencies with a fiscal year starting slightly later are also well into the planning phases for their next period.

We urge you to take action in the immediate term - to cover the financial revenue risk on mandated extra EHT compensation costs for the periods after January 1, 2019.

Sincerely,

Leslie Welin Terry Anne Boyles  
Co-Chair Co-Chair

CC: The Honourable Katrine Conroy, M.L.A. Minister of Children and Family Development  
The Honourable Shane Simpson, M.L.A. Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

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**Check out the There is a Better Way: A BC Framework for Wellbeing Report**

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**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 23, 2018 5:07 PM  
**To:** White, Emily MCF:EX  
**Subject:** for Call for Records CFD-2018-81850

**From:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:49 PM  
**To:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Suggested lines

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**From:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:00 PM  
**To:** Gunn, Paula MCF:EX; Sharma, Niki MCF:EX  
**Subject:** Suggested lines

For media scrum tomorrow. Can you take a look and provide suggestions and flag any concerns?

### **Childcare Fee Reduction Initiative**

#### **Background:**

- A number of media stories have discussed childcare centres planning to increase fees, including CEFA Learning Systems (19 locations in BC), the Lower Mainland Purpose Society in Burnaby and New Westminster, and Willow Creek Daycare in Terrace.
- Some media stories have questioned the timing of the fee increases - shortly after Budget 2018 was introduced, including the fee reduction initiative.
- A news release from the "BC Childcare Owners Association" dated March 18 raises concerns around the Child Care Fee Reduction initiative - suggesting it is too rushed and that many child care operators are choosing to opt out. A separate statement by the group urges child care operators to opt out of the program.
- Online discussions on facebook, twitter and other forums have suggested a number of concerns with the fee reduction initiative. (eg. how to address ECE wages, how to address administrative costs of implementing fee reduction, how to factor in unknown costs increases such as rent, and how to address Employer Health tax being applied to businesses with payrolls over \$500,00)

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