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Dear Mr. Baatz and AGM delegates:

I send you my warmest regards today along with my regrets that I cannot offer them in person at the inaugural annual general meeting of the Community Living Agencies Network British Columbia.

I appreciate all of the hard work and commitment involved in responding to the individual interests of people with special needs in your communities, as well as the needs of the dedicated people who provide services and support.

The Ministry of Children and Family Development – in partnership with Community Living British Columbia – wants to make sure that we are doing our best to support people with special needs and their families. Advocacy and open discussion are critical to this process. For your valuable contributions in this regard and in service to British Columbians who need special assistance, you have my sincere gratitude.

I look forward to your input and ideas about helping to ensure long-term positive outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities and children with special needs and their families.

Thank you again for your invitation and best wishes for a successful and inspiring conference.

Sincerely,

*ORIGINAL SIGNED BY*

Tom Christensen  
Minister

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