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Working together for a community based, non-profit child care system that is high quality, affordable, accessible, publicly funded and accountable.

An open letter to the Roundtable of Community Social Services Organizations and leaders of BC's community based social services agencies and sector.

January 26th, 2010

Dear Friends,

This letter follows on our original correspondence to you in November 2009 at which time we indicated our strong support for our labour allies being included at the Roundtable of Community Social Services Organizations.

The labour movement has been steadfast in its support of child care and other important social services in British Columbia, Canada and globally. As such we feel strongly that our labour allies strengthen our collective efforts to promote progressive public policy and during difficult times a unified approach has a far greater likelihood of success.

It is our understanding that our labour allies are not yet fully participating members at the Roundtable. As indicated in our earlier correspondence, as long as union representatives continue to be absent, the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC will not be participating and so we now respectfully request our name be withdrawn from your list of participants and endorsers.

We are still hopeful that everyone, the public, stakeholders, community and labour, will soon be able to work together to restore the cuts and strengthen social services in British Columbia. We look forward to re-joining the Roundtable when social service organizations and union representatives will be working together for the good of all.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Harney
Chairperson

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British Columbia Government and Service Employees' Union
Health Sciences Association of BC

Hospital Employees' Union
Canadian Union of Public Employees
United Steelworkers of America
Professional Employees' Association
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
International Union of Operating Engineers
Canadian Translators and Interpreters Guild
Construction and Specialized Workers' Union
British Columbia Nurses' Union
National Automobile, Aerospace, Transportation and General Workers Union of Canada
Christian Labour Association of Canada
Federation of Community Social Services of BC
British Columbia Association for Community Living
BC/Yukon Society of Transition Houses
Ending Violence Association of BC
Provincial Association of Residential and Community Agencies
Association of Service Providers for Employability and Career Training
Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies
BC Association of Family Resource Programs
BC Non-Profit Housing Association
Shelter Net BC
BC – Yukon Halfway House Association
BC Settlement and Integration Workers Association
BC Association of Social Workers
BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres
BC Association of Child Care Employers
BC Association for Child Development and Rehabilitation
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