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Dear Lisa Lapointe:

Re: *BC Coroners Service Death Review Panel: Review of MCFD-Involved Youth Transitioning to Independence January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2016*

Thank you for your letter dated May 22, 2018 addressed to the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development, in which you provided a copy of the BC Coroners Service Death Review Panel Report *Review of MCFD- Involved Youth Transitioning to Independence, January 1, 2011- December 31, 2016*. Minister Conroy has asked me to follow-up with you regarding the recommendations directed to the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD).

The attached Action Plan has been developed following careful consideration of the Death Review Panel's recommendations. This Action Plan provides a summary of service enhancements implemented as well as a number of planned deliverables initiated by the MCFD over the next two fiscal years. The Ministry has been engaging with Indigenous communities, youth, other community partners, Delegated Aboriginal Agencies, and our staff to better understand the needs of youth and young adults. This work will help to inform improvements to information sharing, planning and support to meet the needs of youth served by the Ministry as they transition to independence.

MCFD will continue to collaborate with our partners across government to improve coordination and communication in regard to youth programs, services, and initiatives.

I want to thank the British Columbia Coroners Service and the death review panel for their work on this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cory Heavener". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cory Heavener  
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