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Dear Lisa Lapointe:

**Re: BC Coroners Service and First Nations Health Authority Death Review Panel –
A Review of First Nation Youth and Young Adults Injury Deaths: 2010-2015**

Thank you for your letter of November 8, 2017, in which you provided a copy of *BC Coroners Service and First Nations Health Authority Death Review Panel – A Review of First Nation Youth and Young Adults Injury Deaths: 2010-2015*. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

I accept the key areas for improvement that the review identifies and commit to working in collaboration with the Ministries of Mental Health and Addictions, Health, Education, the First Nations Health Authority and BC Housing on the recommendations.

In response to the two sub-recommendations contained in recommendation two in the report, the Provincial Director of Child Welfare in collaboration with our partners will prepare an Action Plan by December 31, 2018, to include:

- the strategies to increase earlier and easier access to prevention-focused mental health services, and
- our approach to how we will deliver trauma-informed training to staff working with/delivering services to First Nations young people.

With regards to increasing access to low barrier housing for First Nations young people, this recommendation identifies the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) as the lead. This role/responsibility does not fall within the scope and mandate of MCFD. Respectfully, we request that you redirect this recommendation to BC Housing to lead in developing a response with us as their partner. MCFD has contacted BC Housing to inform them of the recommendation.

I would like to thank the British Columbia Coroners Service, the First Nations Health Authority and the review panel for their work on the report.

Sincerely,



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