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Dear <TITLE> <LAST NAME>:

On November 24, 2022, Bill 38, the *Indigenous Self-Government in Child and Family Services Amendment Act*, received royal assent. We thank those whose hard work and contributions led to the successful passing of these legislative amendments.

Sixty-eight percent of Bill 38 provisions are now in force. These provisions establish principles, guide aspects of child protection, replace offensive language, and authorize new types of agreements.

We expect the remaining provisions of the new act will be brought into force through a series of regulations. We are eager to develop these regulations in consultation and cooperation with rights-holders, Indigenous governing bodies, Modern Treaty Nations and other Indigenous partners and are respectfully extending the invitation to all First Nations in British Columbia to partner with us in co-developing regulations for the new act.

We anticipate preparing regulations on the following topics:

1. amendments to the reports to the provincial court to enable the director's withdrawal and cancellation of continuing custody orders due to Indigenous law;
2. alignment of terminology for both acts;
3. agreements for Indigenous Governing Bodies (IGBs) access to electronic systems;
4. determining the form of consent from IGBs prior to the placement or adoption of an Indigenous Child from care;
5. matters relating to agreements with the Public Guardian and Trustee; and,
6. matters relating to the creation of a new Indigenous Child Welfare Director position.

If you would like to support the regulation development and be involved in discussions on any of these initiatives, or if you have any questions about the *Indigenous Self-Government in Child and Family Services Amendment Act*, please contact Patrick Vert, Acting Director, MCFD Legislation and Legal Support, by February 23, 2023. Patrick can be reached via e-mail at [Patrick.Vert@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Patrick.Vert@gov.bc.ca).

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I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

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