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Darlene Rotchford, MLA
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Dear Parliamentary Secretary Rotchford:

Congratulations on your appointment as Parliamentary Secretary for Armed Forces Development and Veterans Affairs in the Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth. Thank you for agreeing to serve in this important role. I am looking forward to working alongside you to deliver for the people of British Columbia.

Ministers have received specific mandate expectations laying out priorities for action to address key challenges and opportunities. These mandate letters also provide additional direction regarding your role supporting the Minister.

British Columbians have trusted us with a mandate to deliver for them in ways that make a tangible difference in their daily lives. They expect us to listen and learn from people of different perspectives – and work together to make things better for everyone.

Specifically, we will tackle the challenges people worry about at the kitchen table:

- **Grow the economy by creating good jobs across British Columbia.** We will collaborate with businesses, workers, and communities to attract investments in both new and traditional sectors as well as emerging sectors of the economy. This approach will bring certainty for business, security for workers, and generate the wealth needed to support the essential services British Columbians rely on.

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- **Reduce costs for families,** including by helping people access homes they can afford through support for first-time homebuyers, increasing the supply of rental housing stock, and stronger measures to crack down on housing speculation.

- **Strengthen health care** by expanding access to family doctors and recruiting and training more health professionals, ensuring that every British Columbian can access the care they need, no matter where they live. We will also increase access to addictions treatment and provide help for people whose struggles require intensive supports.

- **Make our neighbourhoods and communities safer** by working with law enforcement and social agencies to address street disorder, crack down on organized crime, and do all we can to ensure repeat offenders stay behind bars.

Essential to our path toward a more prosperous future is continuing as a leader on tackling climate change. The cost of inaction is not just environmental, it's also economic. The transition to a low-carbon future represents a generational opportunity we must seize, not abandon.

This work will be enabled and accelerated by advancing true, lasting, and meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Reconciliation is not just a priority — it is foundational to our collective future. Our government will strengthen our relationships with Indigenous communities in tangible, measurable ways that benefit all communities across the province.

Achieving these goals will take time. Governing is a process that requires patience, hard work, and a commitment to listening and learning from British Columbians from all walks of life and different perspectives. In a province as diverse as BC, it does not mean we will always agree - but we do share a common future in one of the most extraordinary places in the world.

As Parliamentary Secretary, you must uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct and professionalism and establish a collaborative working relationship with the public service. Serving as an elected representative is a privilege, and it is a responsibility we must carry out with integrity and a deep commitment to the people of British Columbia.

I look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

David Eby, KC
Premier