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Dear Minister:

On behalf of the people of British Columbia, I would like to thank you for the contributions made by you and your ministry over the past 12 months to make our province stronger.

You have been part of a government that has continued to deliver on the promises we made in our election platform, Strong Economy, Secure Tomorrow during the past 24 months. Balancing the budget for a third time, having our triple A credit rating confirmed and re-confirmed as stable by Moody's Investors Service, and continuing to support the growth of a diverse economy are all accomplishments of which we collectively and you individually can be rightly proud.

I am very pleased to note that you and each of your colleagues were again able to live within your voted legislative budgets. The people of our province elect us to work on their behalf—to control spending.

Living within our means is demonstrating our respect for the people of our province and the tax dollars they send to Victoria. By keeping government lean and reducing the cost of administration, we can make significant investments in people and the infrastructure on which they depend to succeed in a strong and growing economy.

As a result of our strong fiscal position, we have been able to provide new assistance to single parents as they return to the workforce, greater income exemptions for single parents on income assistance and continued record investments in funding for public health care, education and transportation—services on which families depend.

Our government is resolute in our desire to grow the economy as a way to enable more British Columbians to participate in the economy and obtain meaningful, family-supporting work. The work your ministry does each and every day to contribute to these efforts are noticed and valued.

In particular, I would like to congratulate you and your ministry for:

- Launching the HQ Vancouver project with the federal government and BC Business Council as committed in Strong Economy, Secure Tomorrow
- Continuing to implement the Report of the Chinese Historical Wrongs Consultation including the creation of the Legacy Initiatives Advisory Council
- Your coordination of all provincial trade missions to maximize the value of each mission and ensure ministries are delivering maximum results for taxpayers

As you know, the annual mandate letter you receive is designed to be an ongoing workplan for your ministry that is updated on an annual basis. You will undoubtedly notice some changes since last June.

Your mandate for the following year is as follows:

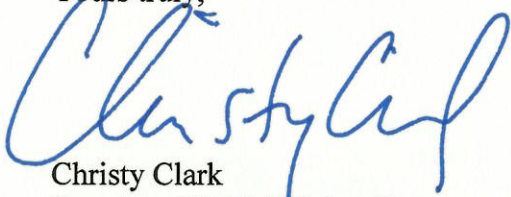
1. Balance your ministerial budget in order to control spending and ensure an overall balanced budget for the province of British Columbia.
2. Coordinate trade missions across all ministries to ensure maximum coverage and minimal duplication as ministries execute BC Jobs Plan strategies.
3. Work with the BC chapter of the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Association to further export opportunities for BC business that were identified by your ministry last year.
4. Continue to work with Canada and the BC Business Council and HQ Vancouver to attract major Asian firms to invest in BC and locate their North American presence in our province as committed in Strong Economy, Secure Tomorrow.
5. Work with the federal government to ensure British Columbia's interests are protected in the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade negotiations.
6. Work with the BC construction industry to fight the federal tariffs imposed on imported rebar and ensure construction costs remain as low as possible in BC.
7. Work with the Ministries of Advanced Education and Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services to develop and present options to Cabinet on ways to improve the availability of venture capital funding in British Columbia.
8. Develop and present options to Cabinet on a trade strategy for China focussing on mid-sized Chinese cities.
9. Work with the Premier's Office to recognize the 20th anniversary of the sister province relationship between British Columbia and Guangdong, China.

10. Develop options and present to Cabinet a strategy for increasing our trade with India and presence in the ASEAN nations.
11. Continue to implement the recommendations of the Chinese Historical Wrongs Consultation Report and provide an update to Cabinet on their status by December 31, 2015.
12. Work with the Ministry of Education to ensure the Historical Wrongs Educational Curriculum Supplement is available to BC schools in the 2015/16 school year.
13. Work with the Minister of State for Small Business and Tourism to review and make options to Cabinet on ways to expand the LNG-Buy BC online tool to other sectors of the provincial economy.
14. Implement the Medal of Good Citizenship and ensure potential nominees are aware of the program in advance of its first investiture ceremony in 2016.

In addition, as discussed and approved by Cabinet, our government is committed to ensuring British Columbia government services are easily accessed by our citizens and businesses. Minister Coralee Oakes will be leading this initiative on my behalf and over the following 12 months she will be reaching out to all ministries to assist in reducing unnecessary red tape and regulation.

It is hard to believe but it has been two years since the people of British Columbia put their faith in us to lead their province. We have accomplished much in those two years, but much work remains to deliver the promise of a strong economy and secure tomorrow for our citizens. I look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Yours truly,



Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia