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Adrienne Montani, Executive Director  
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Dear Adrienne Montani:

Thank you for your letter of February 4, 2026, regarding provincial investments in early learning and child care.

I have seen the profound impact that affordable, high-quality child care has on families, communities, and the early learning and child care workforce. Access to reliable, quality care not only helps parents participate in the workforce, it also strengthens family well-being, improves long-term outcomes for children and is a proven lever for reducing child and family poverty. It remains crucial for our economy, for parents who want to work or study, and for the businesses and communities that rely on a stable labour force.

British Columbia remains firmly committed to collaborating with provincial, territorial, and federal colleagues to share information on experiences, best practices, and challenges to advance a sustainable, high-quality early learning and child care system that meets the needs of families, providers, and educators across the country.

The progress we have made in increasing access to affordable, quality child care throughout the province supports our vision of child care as a core service for every family that needs it. Quality, inclusive child care contributes to better learning and developmental outcomes for children, supports parents, particularly lone parents and mothers, to secure stable employment, and helps reduce financial strain on households. These benefits have far-reaching impacts - strengthening communities, improving equity, and contributing to healthier economic and social outcomes across the province. I am honoured to play a role in continuing the important work that began in 2018, and I remain committed to improving affordability and access for families in British Columbia.

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Again, thank you for taking the time to write and for your ongoing commitment to increasing the accessibility of high-quality, inclusive, and affordable child care in British Columbia and across Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Beare".

Lisa Beare  
Minister

cc: Honourable David Eby, Premier