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Ms. Adrienne Montani
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Dear Ms. Montani:

Thank you for your follow up letter of September 19, 2018, regarding the 2016 changes to the Child Care Licensing regulation minimum outdoor play space requirements. I am responding on behalf of the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health.

As you are aware, these changes were made in consultation with the Ministry of Children and Family Development in response to concerns about the high cost of real estate in British Columbia, and the negative impact that this has on creating additional affordable child day care spaces.

The Childcare Plan BC is committed to implementing a universal child care system that provides affordable, accessible, and high quality care and early learning to every child whose family wants or needs it.

Should the opportunity to review the Child Care Licensing Regulation arise as a result of the Childcare Plan BC, we will ensure this issue is reviewed at that time.

Sincerely,

Sharon Stewart
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pc: Honourable Adrian Dix