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VIA E-MAIL

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Jim Staton, President
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Dear Jim Staton and Adrienne Montani:

Thank you for your e-mail outlining your support for mandatory registration of all social workers with the BC College of Social Workers. As the Minister responsible for the *Social Workers Act*, I am committed to ensuring ethical, professional, and competent social work practice throughout British Columbia. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

The safety and wellbeing of children and youth is always my top concern, and I recognize the importance of ensuring high-quality practice standards and the need for strong oversight measures to make sure children are safe, thriving, and getting the supports they need. I value your perspective and appreciate you writing to share your views on this important issue.

The Ministry has heard many perspectives and ideas on social work oversight and mandatory registration through both a ministry-led public engagement and in the Representative for Children and Youth's *No Time to Wait Part 2* report. There are numerous implications to consider concerning registration such as the impacts to the workforce and how it aligns with broader cross government approaches to professional oversight. The insights and input provided in your letter will be helpful in informing our work, and I have shared your letter with the staff in my ministry involved in this work.

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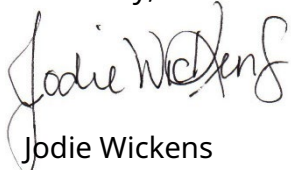
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Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jodie Wickens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jodie" being more prominent than the last name "Wickens".

Jodie Wickens
Minister of Children and Family Development

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