

# Child Care Advocacy Forum

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## **Tell Your MP that Child Care Matters** FEBRUARY 2006

The results of the recent federal election put federal funding for child care at risk. If the newly elected Conservative government cancels federal-provincial agreements on child care, BC stands to lose close to \$600 million. But — we can make a difference.

Tell your recently elected MP that cuts to federal funding for child care will hurt children and families in their community. Tell them that child care funding should not be pitted against income supports for low and moderate income families. Tell them there is a workable solution that they should support.

You can copy and paste the email message below and send it to your MP. Add your personal experiences, or write your own letter. Find your MP's email address (if your MP is newly elected, it may take a while for their email address to be posted).

Let's make sure that the progress we have achieved together continues.

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*Copy and paste this message and send it to your MP. Add your own experiences, or write your own letter.*

Congratulations on your recent election as our MP. During the election campaign, there was a lot of discussion about how to support families with young children. Unfortunately, families' need for quality, affordable child care was pitted against their need for family allowances. But young families in our communities need both.

If the child care agreement between BC and the federal government is cancelled, children and families in our community will pay the price.

Canadians elected a minority government and we expect all parties to find constructive, cooperative solutions. You can be part of the solution for children and families by supporting child care funding and income supports for low and moderate income families.

Sincerely,

(Your name and address)