



via email

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Dear Ms. Derkach,

Thank you for your July 18 letter outlining the FamilyNet Board's concerns regarding home sharing and for raising these concerns in meetings last year with Minister Stilwell, with CLBC's Board Chair Tom Christensen and Director of Quality Assurance Megan Tardif. I can assure you that CLBC is committed to working on the issues you raised.

CLBC is committed to finding ways to strengthen our range of residential options—including shared living, supported living and staffed residential. For example, inclusive housing has been identified as a barrier to people who might want to access supported living. We recently released findings from a housing forum we hosted in the spring with key stakeholders. The report includes an inclusive housing framework and will inform how CLBC supports inclusive housing going forward. The report can be found on our web site under [Initiatives>Inclusive Housing](#).

We will also continue to work on ways to enhance safeguards and monitoring to protect the safety of the individuals we serve. Last year, for example, we partnered with the Justice Institute of BC to offer the Home Study Certification for Shared Living course for agencies and CLBC staff who approve and monitor home sharing arrangements. We are continuing to offer this course again this year to ensure competencies related to shared living.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to ensuring the home sharing model is meeting the needs of the people we serve.

Sincerely,

Seonag Macrae
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Faith Bodnar, Executive Director, Inclusion BC