



October 25, 2016

Hon. Christy Clark, Premier  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Premier Clark:

**Re: Budget Surplus**

Congratulations to you and your government on achieving a surplus for British Columbians.

As an organization of families and individuals who live with a developmental disability, BC FamilyNet encourages you to use part of this surplus to make a substantial investment in people who live with disabilities, both directly to people themselves, and through services offered by Community Living BC.

While disability benefits received a modest increase in the past year, the rates are still inadequate to meet basic needs, particularly considering the high cost of housing. An increase in PWD rates would go a long way to improve the lives of people with disabilities.

In addition, CLBC requires a renewed commitment to adequate and stable funding if it is to provide necessary supports to those who require them, including a growing number of seniors with more complex needs.

It is our hope that you will recognize the contributions people with disabilities make to British Columbia and include them in the distribution of the surplus.

Sincerely,

Linda Derkach, President  
BC FamilyNet Society