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Mr./Ms. xyz, M.L.A.

 Dear Mr./Ms. XYZ:

I am writing to congratulate you on your recent election as M.L.A. xyz. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of (your Library), we wish you every success in your new role. We look forward to hearing your strategies and directions, particuraly as they relate to the well- being of our students and our larger community of life-long learners.

The BC Government and the Ministry of Education’s ongoing commitment to providing relevant, high-quality library services to the people of British Columbia is greatly appreciated by our Library. In late October, the Ministry of Education released *Inspiring Libraries, Connecting Communities: A vision for public library service in British Columbia. (*[*http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/community-partnerships/libraries/libraries-strategic-plan.pdf*](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/community-partnerships/libraries/libraries-strategic-plan.pdf)*)* The plan sets the vision that public libraries provide British Columbians with access to the information and tools they need to learn, work, create and thrive in today’s changing world.

With 71 public libraries delivering services through 247 locations, public libraries are strategic assets in B.C. communities with existing physical and digital infrastructure and well-established community partnerships. Investment in public libraries supports the economic vitality, social well-being and cultural development of our Province.

Provincial funding for public libraries is an indispensable element in maintaining equitable access to information for all ages, income and education levels, and is particularly important for smaller communities. Public libraries contribute to key Provincial priorities such as the BC Education Plan, the BC Jobs Plan, and the #BCTECH Strategy by fostering opportunities for learning and knowledge sharing in public places, both physical and online.

We would be delighted to show you examples of the great work being done in public libraries in British Columbia. Please come for a tour of our Library to see firsthand the value of our contribution.

Best regards,

Xyz xyz

Board Chair Director