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Ms. Joy Spencer-Barry
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Dear Ms. Spencer-Barry,

I am writing to draw your attention to the difficulty faced by the families and children who are currently enrolled in your program for autistic children at QA.

I understand that Queen Alexandra will be closing its program due to the funding changes announced by the provincial government. This has created a crisis for many of the families who rely on your program and who have seen the dramatic difference it has made in the lives of their children. It is my understanding that a number of other communities around BC have found a way to continue the program in some form, including reducing hours or with parents contributing more to the cost.

Is there any possibility of Queen Alexandra working with the families to find a solution that will benefit QA, the families, and of course, the children?

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Keith Martin, MP
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CC: BC Minister of Children and Families, Hon. Mary Polak

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