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January 10, 2011

Ms. Dawn Steele and Ms. Cyndi Gerlach

MOMS on the Move

E-mail: [dawns@telus.net](mailto:dawns@telus.net)

Dear Ms. Steele and Ms. Gerlach:

My colleague, the Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Children and Family Development, has asked me to respond to your October 20, 2010 e-mail regarding the Pacific Autism Family Centre.

The provincial government has committed funding to help build the Pacific Autism Family Centre to ensure that children and families dealing with autism have the opportunity to experience the most up-to-date therapies available. BC Housing's role in the project is to work with the Pacific Autism Centre Society (PACS) on the design and development of the building, and to provide development funding for the project.

In your e-mail, you raise concerns about the development and implementation of policies guiding autism services and programs in the province. It is important to note that the Centre is a community driven project, initiated by community advocates and being developed through the Pacific Autism Centre Society. I encourage you to contact the PACS regarding any questions or concerns you may have about the project.

Sincerely yours,

Rich Coleman

Solicitor General and

Minister responsible for Housing

pc: The Honourable Mary Polak