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Member of Parliament
Kootenay–Columbia

March 11th, 2020.

The Honourable Carla Qualtrough, P.C., M.P.,
Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Qualtrough:

As you know, the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) provides necessary reading materials for people with print disabilities including those with vision loss, learning disabilities and physical disabilities. Within the 2020 Fall Economic Statement the Federal government announced cuts in funding to the program totalling \$4 million, which will have a negative impact on those with disabilities in my riding of Kootenay-Columbia.

My office has received a significant amount of correspondence on this issue from many with print disabilities who depend on this funding and the corresponding reading materials. The Federal government has promoted its commitment to equity and inclusion for those with disabilities. However, these cuts will reduce access to reading materials, which will widen the gap for services and resources for those with print disabilities.

I am writing to ask that you reevaluate this hardship for our seniors and restore full funding to CELA.

I look forward to your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Rob Morrison, M.P.,
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