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Dear Early Childhood Educators of BC:

**Subject: Thank you letter to the Early Childhood Educators of BC**

On this day, the National Day of Action for Childcare, I want to thank you on behalf of the BC Teachers' Federation and its 49,000 members for all your work and tremendous contribution to the lives of children and families in this province.

As a parent of five and as a teacher, I know the value of quality, licensed, and accessible childcare. Collectively, teachers across the province know that quality care is an absolutely fundamental part of a thriving community. Many teacher families depend on childcare programs, and as parents, we know how deeply meaningful your work is through that personal connection. We recognize your professional expertise, and we want to take this opportunity to celebrate your work and your passion.

In BC, we've seen some meaningful achievements for childcare users and workers over the past few years. The BCTF supports the \$10 a Day ChildCareBC plan. This program will make a world of difference to the families that have access to it, and it should be universally accessible.

We're also excited to see childcare move into the Ministry of Education, as it is clear that early learning and care is key to child development and success. Strong institutions and meaningful social services strengthen all of our communities and improve education outcomes for kids. We look forward to working with you as partners in the creation of the first new social service in a generation.

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Lastly, we want to acknowledge the need for increased wages for early childhood educators. Fair wages and supportive working conditions are key to expanding necessary childcare programs across the province. We recognize the value of the work you are doing and believe that you deserve to be compensated in ways that recognizes the skills and training necessary to do this work well.

Happy National Day of Action for Childcare!

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clint Johnston". The signature is stylized with overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Clint Johnston  
President

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