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District of Kitimat,
270 City Centre,
Kitimat, BC,
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Dear Kitimat District Leaders,

RE: Letter of Support for Tamitik Status of Women Housing Initiative,

It is my pleasure to provide this letter of support for the Tamitik Status of Women Housing Initiative. The work of Tamitik Status of Women, as an active agency that provides programs and services for individuals and families focused on the intervention and prevention of violence against women, youth, and children, as well as poverty issues in our community is commendable and critically important. We recognized this housing initiative is world class, building timely, and much needed supports that will benefit local patients and their families at times of high vulnerability.

As an aside, I also wanted to recognize and thank both Tamitik Status of Women as well as the Kitimat District for their leading edge work with paving the way for this innovative housing initiative. In addition to my Executive Director role with the Pacific Northwest Division of Family Practice, a Family Physician led organization that supports physicians across the Pacific Northwest including Kitimat, I also sit as a Board Director and Treasurer, of the Niginan Housing Society in Edmonton, a group that has led the development of Ambrose Place, a wonderful housing initiative that has been recognized nationally, locally, and by the community as a site of excellence in supporting vulnerable individuals. The scope of the work that is underway by Tamitik Status of Women is even more impressive.

I would like add that our Pacific Northwest Division of Family Practice President Dr. Brenda Huff, as well as Cathy Almost, British Columbia Patient Safety and Quality Council Engagement Leader, Northern BC Patient & Public Engagement have heard of this Housing Proposal and have committed their full support.

We look forward to collaboration with this innovative initiative. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call us at 250-877-9354 or contact us via email at cenns@divisionsbc.ca.

Sincerely,



Colleen Enns
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cc:

Dr. Brenda Huff, President, Pacific Northwest Division of Family Practice

Cathy Almost, British Columbia Patient Safety and Quality Council Engagement Leader,
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