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cc: info@bccpac.bc.ca;
Subject: PAC Gaming Grant Cuts
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Dear Mr. Coleman,

I write to you, our elected provincial official for our community, to express my very deep dismay in your decision to cut the Gaming Grant that our PAC has received over the past years.

I continue to be amazed at your ministry's short sighted views. The decisions that your government and ministry have made over the past years have seen our schools budget diminish, making each subsequent year more difficult for our Principal to maintain the level of programs and resources for our children. We are fortunate that we have a newer school and so the physical building and equipment needs are not as great as others at this time.

The gaming funds have been well used and supplement the fundraising dollars our parents have worked hard to raise in order to support our children's education. They pay to support school goals such as, improving literacy with library and classroom books and your government's very own active living goal with various skating, roller blading and swimming lessons.

We do not view these expenditures as frivolous. It is our strong belief that they supplement the curriculum and enrich our children's education and lives.

I wonder when you last spent any time speaking directly to PAC members to gain their feedback on how your decisions might affect the children and families in your riding prior to actually making these decisions.

Our children are our province's future. Investments made now will be reaped in the future. But I forget, you will most likely have retired by then and will not care that they would not support your re-election.

Sincerely,

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PAC President

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Langley, BC