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May 25, 2012

Mayor Gregor Robertson
Vancouver City Hall
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC
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Dear Mayor ^{Gregor} Robertson,

Re: Changes to the Education Guarantee

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Honourable Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid
MLA, Vancouver-Fairview
Room 346 - Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
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Dear Dr. MacDiarmid,

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Honourable Mary McNeil
MLA, Vancouver-False Creek
Room 306 - Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
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Dear Ms. McNeil,

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Mr. Kash Heed
MLA, Vancouver-Fraserview
East Annex- Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
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Mr. Shane Simpson
MLA, Vancouver-Hastings
Room 201 - Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
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Shane
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Ms. Mable Elmore ,
MLA, Vancouver-Kensington
Room 201 - Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
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Dear Ms. ^{Mabel} Elmore,

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Mr. Adrian Dix
MLA, Vancouver-Kingsway
Room 201 - Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
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Dear Mr. ^{Adrian}Dix,

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Dr. Moira Stilwell
MLA, Vancouver-Langara
East Annex - Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
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Dear Dr. Stilwell,

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Ms. Jenny Wai Ching Kwan
MLA, Vancouver-Mount Pleasant
Room 201 - Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
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Dear Ms. ^{Jenny}Kwan,

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Honourable Premier Christy Clark
MLA, Vancouver-Point Grey
West Annex - Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
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Dear Premier Clark,

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Mr. Colin Hansen
MLA, Vancouver-Quilchena
East Annex - Parliament Buildings
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Mr. Spencer Chandra Herbert
MLA, Vancouver-West End
Room 201 - Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
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Spencer
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Honourable Dr. Hedy Fry
Member of Parliament, Vancouver Centre
1030 Denman St., Suite 106
Vancouver, BC
V6G 2M6

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Ms. Libby Davies
Member of Parliament, Vancouver East
2412 Main Street
Vancouver, BC
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Mr. Don Davies
Member of Parliament, Vancouver Kingsway
2951 Kingsway Avenue
Vancouver, BC
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