



May 6, 2015

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Dear Dr. Weaver,

On behalf of the Members of the Select Standing Committee on Health, thank you for your correspondence dated April 13, 2015 and your interest in the work of the Committee.

As you know, Parliamentary Committees are appointed on a sessional basis by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia to undertake business on behalf of the Assembly – they consider only those matters that are referred to them by the Legislative Assembly.

The Select Standing Committee on Health received its current terms of reference by way of a motion adopted by the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee is currently working to identify potential strategies to ensure the sustainability and improvement of our health care system while ensuring its financial sustainability. It is not presently considering broad revenue sources.

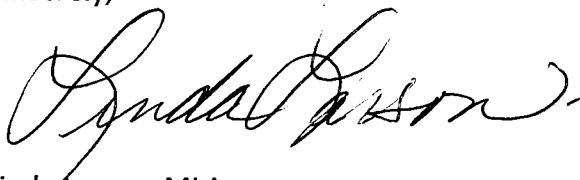
In order to focus the consultation, the Committee issued a call for submissions that requested information on four specific questions:

- How can we improve health and health care services in rural British Columbia? In particular, what long-term solutions can address the challenges of recruitment and retention of health care professionals in rural British Columbia?
- How can we create a cost-effective system of primary and community care built around interdisciplinary teams?
- What best practices can be implemented to improve end-of-life care?
- How can we enhance the effectiveness of addiction recovery programs?

The Committee has undertaken a review of the submissions received and is holding public hearings with stakeholders who participated in the call for submissions. This work will continue through the fall and into the spring of 2016.

I would be pleased to keep you apprised of the Committee's progress and should you have any questions regarding the current work of the Committee, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Larson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Linda Larson, MLA
Chair, Select Standing Committee on Health

cc: Members, Select Standing Committee on Health
Susan Sourial, Committee Clerk