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Dear Minister Hussen,

We write today to express our sincerest thanks for meeting with us on Thursday, May 14 alongside our colleagues from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. We are thankful for the opportunity to express the need for strong federal leadership and collaboration in support of quality, affordability, accessibility, flexibility and inclusivity throughout Canada's child care system.

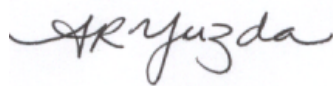
With strong federal leadership we can move away from the patchwork approach that currently exists in Alberta's child care system. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us all the grave importance of child care to our social infrastructure and that all Canadian's deserve and a high-quality, affordable and consistent approach.

We especially appreciate the opportunity to provide recommendations regarding how you, and the federal government, can provide greater support and involvement to the provincial level child care sector. The Government of Canada has a critical role to play - providing strong principles in all upcoming agreements or funding transfers from the federal government to the provinces and territories, considering the example of the national health act in child care at the provincial level, developing and influencing principals for provincial governments regarding the spending of federal investments.

We welcome the opportunity to continue to work with you as you work to create a national secretariat and as you secure additional federal funding to support the child care sector.

Please contact us at any time if you have questions or require support.

Sincerely,



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