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BC Coalition of Nursing Associations:

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Dear BC Coalition of Nursing Associations:

On behalf of the Ministry of Health (the Ministry), I would like to recognize the four nursing associations and British Columbia's nurse educators who have worked together to form the BC Coalition of Nursing Associations (BCCNA). The health professionals who provide care to British Columbians are truly the foundation of our health care system.

I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to the BCCNA for hosting *A Nursing Community Call to Action: A Collaborative Approach to Improving BC's Health System* in Vancouver on July 15, 2015.

Ministry staff appreciated the opportunity to participate in this first meeting of all four professional nursing groups, nursing educators, and other delegates, and to hear BC nurses' ideas and recommendations in response to the policy papers recently developed by the Ministry. As evidenced by the variety of questions raised, nursing professionals understand the challenges of transforming our system and are engaged to seek productive solutions. I look forward to continuing the dialogue.

I applaud the incredible role and achievements of nurses in all areas of policy and practice, and look forward to continue working with you and your members to find new ways to improve the health care system in our province.

Yours truly,

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