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Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health PO Box 9050 Stn Prov Govt Victoria B.C. V8W 9E2 Via Registered Mail

Honourable Josie Osborne,

I am writing today to arrange a meeting with you to discuss Delta Hospice Society establishing a *Sanctuary Hospice* in British Columbia. As a 33-year Palliative Care organization, we recognize the need for more end-of- life care spaces inside of an overburdened healthcare system. In the past, we have fundraised, built and operated our own Hospice and Palliative Care facility. We seek to again establish a licensed, professional, best practices facility delivering excellent healthcare to our patients.

In 2021, we had irreconcilable differences with the Fraser Health Authority over our refusal to participate in the Medical Assistance in Dying ("M.A.i.D.") program. As a result, the facilities we had built and operated for 10 years were expropriated.

We have not given up on our mission to offer a heritage model of Palliative Care. We believe there are many people who want to access an historically accurate model of care, that does nothing to hasten death, during their end-of-life journey. With over 12,000 supporters nationwide, we remain committed to providing it.

As a not-for-profit charity, we believe we could privately fund our facility to achieve our vision. However, we would not embark upon such a service within British Columbia without the blessing of the BC NDP government, and particularly the Minister of Health.

We are hopeful that a meeting between yourself and the Society can be arranged quickly, as we have property in mind for purchase and would like to move ahead as soon as possible. Please contact me directly at telephone #778-512-8088, or via e-mail: Sanctuary@deltahospice.org. In addition, the favour of a written reply is also greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

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