

October 1, 2020

Ms. Katherine Jones Executive Director Alberta Foster and Kinship Association 303, 9488 - 51 Avenue, NW Edmonton AB T6E 5A6

Dear Ms. Jones:

It is my honour to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to the dedicated caregivers that provide children and youth in care with stable and loving homes regardless of the circumstance.

Foster and kinship caregivers are vital to the safety and long-term well-being of children and youth in care. Not only do these caregivers help children and youth stay connected to their family, community and culture, they ensure children are safe and loved—there is nothing more important than this.

The pandemic has called on our foster and caregiver families to respond to a rapidly changing situation in unprecedented ways. Caregivers have been flexible, while maintaining their steadfast commitment to the children and youth in their care, even if only for a short time.

Thank you again to our caregivers for their continued commitment to our most vulnerable children and youth.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Schulz

Minister