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Dear Mr. Klassen:

Thank you for your letter of June 12, 2020, regarding temporary pandemic pay (TPP) eligibility on behalf of the BC Care Providers Association. I appreciate you taking the time to share your organization's thoughts and feedback with me.

TPP is a cost-shared program with the federal government with a finite amount of funding available. Within the available federal funding, B.C. sought to extend eligibility to the most employees possible within the health, corrections and social services sectors. The eligibility criteria were determined based on an assessment of provincially funded services.

This means that employees who work exclusively in privately funded facilities will not be eligible and I can understand your members' disappointment. However, for those employees whose time is allocated between privately funded and publicly funded beds, they will be eligible for the TPP proportionate to the time in support of the publicly funded services.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. Your opinions are important to us and I appreciate your input on how we can build a better BC.

Sincerely,

Carole James
Minister and Deputy Premier

cc: Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health