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Josee Corrigan and Anne Russell  
West Kootenay Women's Association  
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Dear Josee Corrigan and Anne Russell:

I am looking forward to meeting with representatives of women's centres on June 20, 2003, in Vancouver. I have received the report, titled, "Herstory, Risk and Survival of BC Women's Centres," from last November's forum of women's centres, and will review it prior to the meeting.

As you know, we are in the final year of provincial government funding for women's centres. I would be interested to know what you have done in your community to ensure sustainability after the termination of provincial funding. Particularly, I would like to know what organizations you have approached and how you are attempting to increase integration and coordination of women's services in the community.

To demonstrate my continued commitment, I have asked staff to make the provincial ProvNet phone service available to women's centres for three teleconferences. In addition, staff will compile and provide information regarding funding, skill building and business development resources for those who request it.

Again, I am looking forward to meeting with your representatives to discuss women's centres' plans for the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynn Stephens".

Lynn Stephens  
Minister of State for Women's Equality

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