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Dear Minister Fleming,

Thank you for meeting with the BC Public Library Partners on Friday October 25th, 2019. It was a pleasure to talk with you about the relevant and responsive work that BC Public Libraries do in their communities.

It was also important to follow up with you about our **\$20 Million is 2020** campaign. It was heartening to hear you say that in your over 40 meetings with municipal and local governments at UBCM most referenced the campaign or spoke about public library funding. Thank you for sharing that with us.

We appreciated your advise that we continue to speak with Provincial Ministers about the \$20 Million in 2020 campaign and continue to raise awareness about restoring library funding. As we mentioned in the meeting it is important for the BC Public Library Partners and for public libraries across the province to see any restoration of funding go directly to library Operating Grants and thus truly be a restoration of those funds cut by the previous government.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us.

Sincerely,

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