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Honourable Naomi Yamamoto
Minister of State for Emergency Preparedness
Room 227
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister:

RE: Investments in flood mitigation

On behalf of more than 20,000 REALTORS® around the province, the British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) thanks you for your investments in flood mitigation. This is an important issue for families, communities and the entire province, and we appreciate your attention to it.

Support for specific projects in Richmond, Abbotsford, Britannia Creek, East Kootenay, Port Alberni and Comox will go a long way to helping those communities.

BCREA is particularly pleased with the Government's commitment to the development of flood hazard mapping practice guidelines by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC. BCREA is proud to participate as a member of the review task force.

As we have advocated for several years, floodplain maps are part of the foundation for effective flood management, and a consistent approach to mapping will help ensure comparability across jurisdictions. The Association hopes the guidelines will also provide local governments—many of which have limited resources and expertise in this area—with tools to help them choose professionals to undertake the work and to clearly understand what to expect from those professionals.

As you know, BCREA is the professional association for REALTORS® in BC, focusing on provincial issues that impact real estate. Working with the province's 11 real estate boards, BCREA provides continuing professional education, advocacy, economic research and standard forms to help REALTORS® provide value for their clients.

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