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Honourable Mike de Jong, MLA
Minister of Finance and Government House Leader
Room 153, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Sent by email: fin.minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister,

RE: Home Owner Grant threshold increase

The BC Real Estate Association (BCREA) was pleased to see your announcement today to increase the Home Owner Grant threshold by 33 per cent. We believe government programs need to keep pace with the real estate market to maintain their effectiveness, and appreciate the actions of you and your colleagues in that direction.

BCREA continues to monitor your government's ongoing announcements in support of housing affordability, and we also look forward to participating in the budget consultation you are currently conducting.

If we can assist in any way, please contact me directly (rlaing@bcrea.bc.ca; 604.742.2787).

As you know, BCREA is the professional association for more than 21,000 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Laing".

Robert Laing
Chief Executive Officer

Copy: David Eby, MLA – Vancouver-Point Grey (david.eby.mla@leg.bc.ca)

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